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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
NORTHERN DIVISION

In re
CHANNEL TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, LLC,
Debtor,

CORPORATE RECOVERY ASSOCIATES,
LLC, as Trustee for the Liquidating Trust of
Channel Technologies Group, LLC,

Plaintiffs.

v.

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INDUSTRIES, DUFF & PHELPS, and CIT
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Defendants.

CASE NO. 9:16-bk-11912-DS

Chapter 11

Adv. No. 9:18-ap-01058-DS

**NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION BY
DEFENDANTS BLUE WOLF CAPITAL
PARTNERS, LLC, BLUE WOLF CAPITAL
FUND II, L.P., AND BLUE WOLF CAPITAL
ADVISORS, L.P. TO COMPEL FURTHER
RESPONSES FROM PLAINTIFF TRUSTEE
TO REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF
DOCUMENTS; INTERROGATORIES; AND
REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS**

DATE: April 27, 2021

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Courtroom 201

**TO THE HONORABLE DEBORAH J. SALTZMAN, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY
JUDGE AND TO THE PLAINTIFF AND ITS COUNSEL:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 27, 2021 at 11:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, a hearing will be conducted before the Honorable Deborah J. Saltzman, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in Courtroom 201 of the United States Bankruptcy Court located at 1415 State Street, Santa Barbara, California, 93101, to consider the Motion of Defendants Blue Wolf Capital Partners, LLC, Blue Wolf Capital Fund II, L.P., and Blue Wolf Capital Advisors L.P., (collectively, the “Blue Wolf Entities”) (the “Motion”) to compel Plaintiff Corporate Recovery Associates, LLC, as Trustee for the Liquidating Trust of Channel Technologies Group, LLC (“Trustee”), to provide further responses to Requests for Production of Documents, Interrogatories, and Requests for Admissions (collectively, the “Discovery Requests”). As further set forth in the Motion, Trustee’s responses to the discovery are wholly inadequate and do not even remotely satisfy the requirements of the underlying Bankruptcy Rules.

The parties have met and conferred in an effort to resolve their dispute concerning the sufficiency of Trustee’s responses to the Discovery Requests. They were unable to reach an agreement and have entered into a Stipulation, which is attached to this Motion, which sets forth the dispute and the parties’ positions with respect to the adequacy of the responses to the Discovery Requests.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(f), anyone who wishes to oppose this Motion must do so in a writing that complies with the rules of practice and procedure before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, and must

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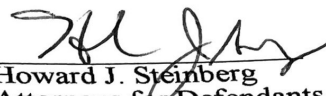
1 ensure that that such opposition is filed with the Court. The opposition must be served on GT at the
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8 DATED: April 22, 2021

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STIPULATION RE: DISPUTED ISSUES

Per Local Bankruptcy Rule 7026-1(c)(3), the disputed issues involve the sufficiency of Trustee's responses to the Discovery Requests. The Trustee is seeking approximately \$60 million and seeks to avoid hundreds of transfers but has done little to provide information which serves as the basis for its claims. The Trustee has not identified a single document from the electronically stored information responsive to the document requests and instead points the defendants to a repository containing over 10 million pages of documents and attempts to place the burden on the defendants to determine what documents the Trustee will rely upon to support its claims. This was done notwithstanding the Court's clear ruling at the hearing to compel further responses to the Trustee's Rule 26 document disclosures that it was improper for the Trustee to make a blanket reference to all of its electronically stored information when describing the documents that support the Trustee's claims. Contention interrogatories are answered with conclusory statements such as the debtor and others "operated as alter egos", that "entities commingled funds", that the debtor was "forced" to take actions", with little to no details. Requests for admissions were not admitted even where the Trustee has acknowledged that it has no information on which to deny the underlying facts; others are not admitted as a consequence of the Trustee engaging in wordsmithing games as what words in the request mean.

By virtue of its status as a trustee, a party is not afforded the right to skirt discovery obligations. This is precisely what is occurring here. See, e.g., *In re M & L Bus. Mach. Co., Inc.*, 167 B.R. 631, 634–35 (D. Colo. 1994), 167 B.R. 631, 634–35 (D. Colo. 1994) (granting motion to compel supplementation of interrogatories and sanctions against a Bankruptcy Trustee where "despite [the defendant's] repeated requests for an identification of the allegedly avoidable transactions and a description of the legal basis underlying certain of the Trustee's claims, the Trustee continue[d] to provide evasive answers to the interrogatories which were the subject of its motion to compel"; adding that "[u]nder Rule 37(a)(3), an evasive or incomplete answer is 'treated as a failure to disclose, answer, or respond'; and, ordering that Trustee was obligated to state in detail in its interrogatory responses the specifics concerning transactions Trustee sought to avoid.); *In re Cont'l Cap. Inv. Servs., Inc.*, 2009 WL 1661918, at *5 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio Mar. 6, 2009) (Holding that Trustee must answer with a detailed narrative response interrogatories seeking "all facts" detailing alleged avoidable transfers even if so doing

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8 support the Trustee's claims. Such stonewalling should not be countenanced and has made it impossible
9 for the defendants to prepare their defense of the claims asserted in the Complaint.

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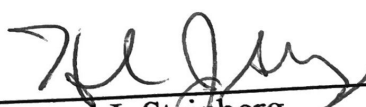
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I. INTRODUCTION: BASIS FOR DEFENDANTS' MOTION

a. THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION

On November 9, 2020, the Blue Wolf Entities served the Trustee with written discovery consisting of document requests, requests for admissions, and interrogatories. Over 200 requests were served in response to the Trustee's Second Amended Complaint ("Complaint") which, exclusive of exhibits, is 116 pages long, and seeks to set aside hundreds of transfers totaling over \$60 million. The discovery was served over 5 months ago and Trustee has had ample time to understand which facts support its allegations, particularly those that relate to specific monetary transfers; indeed, Trustee has amended its Complaint in this action three times and this proceedings was filed nearly 2 ½ years ago. The notion that the Trustee has not had sufficient time to review documents and understand the claims it is asserting is nonsense. Thus, Trustee should be ordered to supplement its response to explain its boilerplate objections, provide facts to support the contentions and claims it has asserted, and produce documents responsive to this Request.

The Trustee's actions pertaining to interrogatory responses underscores the improper tactics being deployed. The Trustee responded to the interrogatories on January 28, 2021. The Blue Wolf Entities sent the Trustee an email detailing deficiencies in the interrogatory responses and the parties then met and conferred and were unable to resolve their differences. The Trustee was provided with a Stipulation of Disputed Issues ("Stipulation") which set forth the Blue Wolf Entities position with respect to the deficiencies with the interrogatory and other discovery responses weeks in advance of the deadline to file the document per a deadline set by the Court. On the day before the Stipulation was due to be filed (March 4), the Trustee sent the Blue Wolf Entities its inserts to the Stipulation and served amended answers to the interrogatories which resulted in the parties moving the date of the hearing since the sufficiency of the amended answers had to be analyzed by the Blue Wolf Entities.

1 The original interrogatory answers set forth virtually no information in response to the
2 interrogatories and all of them cited to Rule 33(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, which allows a
3 party to specify business records which provide information responsive to the interrogatory. Courts have
4 held that citation to Rule 33(d) is not proper when answering a contention interrogatory, and even courts
5 that have allowed this have required the party to reasonably identify the responsive documents.
6 However, the Trustee did not identify a single document responsive to each interrogatory and instead
7 directed the Blue Wolf Entities to the many millions of pages of ESI which it provided to the Blue Wolf
8 Entities. In the amended interrogatory responses, as discussed more fully below, the Trustee no longer
9 refers to Rule 33(d) and instead largely parrots the conclusory statements in the Complaint and makes
10 reference to the same few documents attached as exhibits to the Complaint.

11 At bottom, the parties' discovery dispute boils down to a fundamental difference concerning
12 which party bears the burden of identifying the evidence on which the matter is to be tried. If Trustee is
13 correct, a claimant can assert claims in a lawsuit and can then shift to the defense the burden of
14 identifying the evidence that supports those claims simply by directing the defense to a massive
15 compilation of data and saying, in essence, "our evidence is in there somewhere; you figure it out." The
16 discovery responses constitute little more than the addition of conclusory statements that parrot the
17 allegations of the complaint and do nothing to shed light on the question Defendants have sought in
18 discovery from the outset: namely, what actual fact evidence does Trustee intend to rely on to prove its
19 claims? Trustee's responses do not identify specific responsive documents nor state specific facts that can
20 be either confirmed or rebutted. With little more than a recitation of conclusions and the direction to
21 Defendants to search through the ESI themselves, Defendants are no closer to understanding the who,
22 what, when, where and how of Trustee's allegations than they were when these discovery requests were
23 first served five months ago.

24 The need for specificity in response to written discovery is particularly acute in this case since the
25 Trustee has no personal knowledge of the underlying actions which give rise to its claims. There is no
26 one who the Blue Wolf Entities can depose who can identify the specific acts and transactions that the
27 Trustee is relying upon. As such, there is no way for the Blue Wolf Entities to properly prepare for
28 depositions since it will be unable to ask witnesses about specific acts and transactions that serve as the

1 basis for the claims. As a consequence of receiving incomplete responses bereft of facts, the Blue Wolf
2 Entities may not learn of the specific evidence upon which the Trustee relies until after discovery has
3 been completed and a summary judgment motion is filed, or potentially even worse, until such time as
4 the parties exchange trial exhibits if the Defendants do not prevail in their summary judgment motion.
5 Trial by ambush is a tactic inimical to the Federal and Bankruptcy Rules, and has long been frowned
6 upon by courts. Defendants merely ask that the Court require the Trustee to be open and forthright with
7 respect to the evidence in support of its claims so that they have a fair opportunity to prepare their
8 defense. There are at least 15-30 depositions that will need to be conducted and before engaging in this
9 lengthy and costly effort, the Defendants must be apprised of the facts that support the claims.

10 The Trustee has concocted a fictitious narrative that the Blue Wolf Entities stripped the debtor of
11 assets which resulted in its becoming insolvent when, in reality, just the opposite occurred. Millions of
12 dollars was funneled into the debtor to sustain its operations which efforts only ceased after the Blue
13 Wolf Entities learned that the debtor entered into a series of contracts which would have had dire
14 economic consequences if performed. The Trustee has distorted the truth by referring only to monies
15 expended by the debtor, as opposed to monies it received. Discovery is vital so that the Defendants can
16 ascertain the universe of facts that the Trustee is relying on to support its alleged claims.

17 Unfortunately, the Trustee's willingness to obfuscate and mislead is not confined to this adversary
18 proceeding. In an effort to maintain the fiction that there is a large body of creditors who were hurt by
19 the Defendants' conduct, the Trustee has intentionally failed to object to inflated or unsupportable proofs
20 of claims. In the Liquidating Trustee's Motion for Order Extending Deadline to Object to Claims
21 (Docket No. 797), after discussing the reduction of the Lockheed Martin claim from \$19.5 million to \$3.8
22 million and noting that there are \$17.4 million in claims, the Trustee acknowledges that "the Liquidating
23 Trustee may potentially deem it worthwhile to file objections to numerous other disputed claims." (p. 6)
24 The Trustee falsely states that the ability to address these claims is somehow dependent upon the
25 outcome of this litigation. The Trustee is sitting on millions of dollars which can be used to pay creditors
26 but instead chooses to avoid any distributions since reduction and resolution of claims will impact the
27 fiction that there was a plot to leave large numbers of creditors empty handed.

At a prior hearing to compel proper document disclosures with respect to the Trustee's Initial Rule 26 disclosures, in granting the motion this Court made clear to Trustee that the law does not allow the Trustee to make blanket references to millions of documents in lieu of providing specific information to support claims. The Court's directive to Trustee fell on deaf ears and the Blue Wolf Entities find themselves in the exact same position. They renew their request of this Court to direct Trustee to provide responses that actually answer Defendants' targeted discovery requests.

b. TRUSTEE'S POSITION

The Defendants' motion is long on rhetoric and short on substance. The Trustee is not going to waste the Court's time by engaging in a mud-slinging contest and responding Defendants' over-the-top inflammatory rhetoric and unreasonable requests for relief (such as prohibiting Trustee from amending its interrogatory responses as discovery proceeds, *see* pg. 58 of this Stipulation, and Defendants' requests for sanctions). Rather, the Trustee will briefly summarize the procedural posture and status of discovery in this case in order to highlight why the relief Defendants' seek is unreasonable and inappropriate.

- **First**, the Trustee has thoroughly investigated the facts alleged in its 616-page Second Amended Complaint, which contains 291 paragraphs of facts and affixes 29 exhibits supporting its factual contentions.
- **Second**, at the outset of this lawsuit and the related state-court lawsuit, the Trustee turned over every piece of evidence in its possession to Defendants, and has fully responded to all discovery requests as the Federal Rules require.
- **Third**, the Defendants—not Trustee—have repeatedly delayed discovery in this case. At Defendants' request, and over the objections of Trustee, the Court agreed to stay all discovery for over two years while the Defendants' motions to dismiss were pending and while the parties engaged in mediation and settlement discussions.
- **Fourth**, though the Trustee has produced every piece of evidence in its possession—which is searchable, sortable, and organized, and discussed in further detail below—and has responded fully to every discovery request it has received, the Defendants have not done the same. The Trustee served discovery requests to Defendants on February 5, 2021. Defendants have requested multiple extensions totaling 90 days to respond to Trustee's written requests—which Trustee has readily granted in the spirit of cooperation.
- **Fifth**, at Defendants' insistence, the Trustee has not been permitted to take any third-party depositions or Defendants' depositions.

In sum, without having produced any documents or responding to any of Trustee's discovery

1 requests, the Defendants are asking Trustee to marshal all of its evidence for trial today, with Trustee
2 having no benefit of discovery other than its preliminary pre-suit investigations and documents left to it
3 by the bankruptcy Chief Restructuring Officer. Trustee is in the position of being one step removed from
4 firsthand knowledge about the Debtor; CTG is no longer an operating and ongoing business, it has no
5 employees, and the documents in Trustee's possession have been provided to it through the bankruptcy
6 procedure. However, the Trustee anticipates it will have more information responsive to Defendants'
7 discovery requests as discovery proceeds in this litigation in the ordinary course of business. But rather
8 than participate in the discovery process, the Defendants seek to use discovery as both a shield and a
9 sword: on the one hand, the Defendants contend that the Trustee's Second Amended Complaint and
10 discovery responses are deficient and should not be permitted to amend its responses as new facts and
11 evidence are revealed through discovery; on the other hand, Defendants—whose witnesses likely possess
12 first-hand knowledge about the Debtor and who direct, managed, and controlled the Debtor through the
13 Blue Wolf Entities—seek to prevent Trustee from deposing these witnesses and have yet to respond to
14 Defendants' discovery requests.

17 The Trustee believes there is only one disputed issue for the Court to resolve: whether Trustee is
18 required to go above and beyond the ESI obligations set forth in Rule 34(b)(2)(E)(ii) and produce ESI *as*
19 *if they were hard-copy documents*. As to Defendants' motion relating to its Requests for Admissions and
20 Interrogatories, the Trustee has provided full and verified answers to each and every interrogatory, and
21 has responded to each request for admission to the best of his ability given the early stages of discovery
22 in this case. That Defendants are simply unhappy or dissatisfied with Trustee's responses is not a basis to
23 compel, and the Court should deny Defendants' motion as to the requests for admissions and
24 interrogatories.

26 As to the parties' dispute regarding the Trustee's ESI production, despite having nearly **three**
27 **months** to prepare this motion, the Blue Wolf Entities cannot cite to a **single case** where a court has
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1 ordered a party that already produced ESI in searchable, sortable, and an organized format—as the
2 Trustee has done here—to cull through its ESI and identify specific documents responsive to Defendants’
3 requests for production. That is because ESI discovery is governed by a different set of rules than the
4 production of hard-copy documents. Defendants misunderstand or simply ignore that courts “have
5 concluded that imposition of traditional production requirements on ESI was not intended by the
6 amendments to Rule 34(b). . .” and that “the drafters of 34(b)(2)(E) contemplated that parties requesting
7 ESI would be able to organize it themselves—in their own way, to their own satisfactory level of
8 thoroughness, and at their own expense—through the use of text-searching technologies like filtering,
9 grouping, and ordering.” *SolarCity Corp. v Doria*, No.16cv3085-JAH-RBB, 2018 WK 467898, at *7
10 (S.D. Cal. Jan 18, 2018). The Trustee explains its position regarding ESI discovery in the following
11 section.

12 The Defendants’ claim that Trustee has attempted to obfuscate, delay, or otherwise engage in
13 improper discovery tactics is both misleading and a misrepresentation of the status of discovery in this
14 case thus far. Any delay or obfuscation of the discovery process is largely due to the Defendants’ own
15 design. The Defendants suggest that Trustee has had over two and half years to marshal its evidence.
16 However, the Defendants conveniently leave out the fact that *at Defendants’ requests*, and over
17 Trustee’s objections, the Court stayed all discovery in this matter while the Defendants’ motions to
18 dismiss were pending and while the parties were engaged in mediations and settlement discussions.
19 Discovery in this case effectively became ‘unstayed’ only in October of 2020, when Defendants and
20 Trustee began to exchange initial disclosures. Defendants then mailed hard copy discovery requests to
21 Trustee on November 9, 2020. Due to the holidays, the Trustee obtained an extension to serve its
22 responses by January 28, 2021. Importantly, Trustee has also granted Defendants multiple extensions in
23 responding to the Trustee’s discovery requests, giving Defendants a total of 90 days to respond to
24 Trustee’s Requests for Admissions and Interrogatories.

25 After timely serving its discovery responses, Trustee and Defendants met-and-conferred multiple
26 times to resolve the Defendants’ complaints and come to an agreement regarding ESI discovery. During
27 these conferences, the Trustee informed Defendants’ of the ESI rules, relevant case law, and practices
28 outlined by the Sedona Conference, and informed Defendants that rather than going through the onerous

1 process of negotiating keyword search terms, custodians, and date ranges, the Defendants possess all of
2 Trustee's ESI in searchable, sortable, and organized format, and may run whatever search terms
3 Defendants wish and may run an unlimited number of these searches. Nevertheless, Defendants
4 continued to insist, in contravention to Trustee's ESI obligations, that Trustee identify specific documents
5 in response to Defendants' requests for production. Though Trustee need not have done so, in a good-
6 faith effort to narrow the Defendants' disputes, the Trustee reviewed thousands of electronically saved
7 hard-copy documents contained in the 166 boxes stored in Iron Mountain storage—which the Defendants
8 have already had an opportunity to inspect and copy—and produced, on February 13, 2021, a subset of
9 these documents which had been culled by Trustee and deemed responsive to the Defendants' discovery
10 requests. This production contained 1.61 gigabytes of data, consisting of 96 files and 27 folders, and
11 approximately 9,500 pages of documents.

12 Despite this production, on the night of February 16, 2021, Defendants provided Trustee with a
13 37-page proposed stipulation outlining each of Defendants' disputes and expected Trustee to respond to
14 each of these disputes within two weeks (in the middle of an unprecedented snowstorm and state-wide
15 power outage in Texas). Trustee provided Defendants' with a response on March 4, 2021, 16 days later.
16 In addition to responding to each request, Trustee amended its interrogatory responses in a good-faith
17 effort to potentially eliminate one-third of the disputes in this case.

18 The Defendants, finding Trustee's amended responses and positions "problematic," then took an
19 additional *six weeks* to review and respond to the Trustee's positions in the joint stipulation, even though
20 the Defendants already had an opportunity to set forth their position fully and even though Rule 7026-
21 1(c) does not require or allow Defendants to amend their already-stipulated positions to respond to
22 Trustee's case law and positions. Nevertheless, the Trustee did not oppose Defendants' request for a
23 continuance in order to respond to Trustee's positions. On April 13, 2021, the Defendants provided
24 Trustee with their revised stipulations, substantially adding 25 pages to the original draft of this
25 stipulation, and expecting Trustee to provide a response within two days.

26 Unsurprisingly, despite having an additional six weeks to respond to the case law Trustee cites in
27 support of its ESI position, the best cases Defendants are able to come up with are instances where the
28 production of hard-copy documents were at issue. Also unsurprising, even though Trustee addressed

1 Defendants' complaints by removing its reference to Rule 33(d) and providing fulsome responses to each
2 Interrogatory (though Trustee believes its initial interrogatory answers were sufficiently responsive), the
3 Defendants now complain that Trustee's responses restate conclusory facts without identifying any
4 documents. But the facts Trustee has identified are not conclusory—they are sworn to and verified by the
5 Trustee and identify the relevant facts responsive to each interrogatory at this time.

6 That the parties now, after multiple conferences and attempts by the Trustee to narrow this
7 dispute, submit this 80-page stipulation which consists mostly of Defendants being unhappy with the
8 content of Trustee's responses raises the following question: **what is the practical solution to**
9 **Defendants' complaints?** Trustee submits that it has fully responded to the interrogatories and will
10 supplement them as discovery progresses. Likewise, Trustee has responded to each request for
11 admission fully, and has represented it will amend its responses upon receipt of further discovery. The
12 Trustee anticipates providing further evidence as it receives discovery responses and documents from
13 Defendants and other third parties and has had an opportunity to depose Defendants' witnesses—
14 witnesses who controlled, managed, and directed CTG and who have first-hand knowledge about the
15 debts, transactions, payments, and operations of CTG.

16 The Court should, therefore, deny Defendants' motion as to the interrogatories and requests for
17 admissions as being premature, as the parties are in the very early stages of discovery which has been
18 impeded largely due to the unnecessary back-and-forth relating to this stipulation, and deny Defendants'
19 unreasonable requests for sanctions or to prohibit Trustee from further amending its discovery responses
20 as it learns of new facts and evidence from the Blue Wolf Entities' discovery. Trustee further requests
21 that the Court set a scheduling order in this case, and allow the parties to proceed with written discovery
22 and depositions. The Court should further deny Defendants' motion as to the requests for production
23 because ESI rules (and not hard-copy production rules) apply in this case, and Trustee has gone above
24 and beyond to comply with its ESI obligations.

25 **II. BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION REGARDING ESI DISCOVERY**

26 Trustee seeks to abandon its discovery obligations under the Federal Rules and instead place the
27 burden on Defendants to attempt to decipher which few documents contained in a data dump of millions
28 of pages of documents are responsive to this action. This is plainly improper, as the burden of

1 identifying and producing documents responsive to Defendants’ narrowly tailored Requests for
2 Production lies on no one other than Trustee. Trustee has failed to meet its burden. Trustee posits that
3 when dealing with ESI, Federal Rule 34 Rule 34(b)(2)(E)(ii) provides a responding party with a blanket
4 pass, relieving it of any obligation to identify specific documents or the specific discovery demands to
5 which those documents respond. Trustee is mistaken. As detailed below, there are numerous authorities
6 that provide that it is not enough to produce every shred of electronic information and then direct the
7 requesting party to figure out which documents are or are not responsive to its demands. The authorities
8 below are largely cases about ESI, and they demonstrate that Trustee cannot shift wholesale to
9 Defendants the burden of finding responsive information within the massive ESI production mostly
10 comprised of irrelevant data solely because it is in electronic form.

11 Trustee has failed to identify a single document within its ESI database in response to
12 Defendants’ Requests for Production, instead simply referring Defendants to its massive ESI database
13 containing millions of documents. In referring Defendants to the entirety of its ESI database, Trustee
14 improperly attempts to shift the burden of identifying responsive documents onto Defendants.
15 “Generally, the purpose of discovery is to remove surprise from trial preparation so the parties can obtain
16 evidence necessary to evaluate and resolve their dispute.” *Oakes v. Halvorsen Marine Ltd.*, 179 F.R.D.
17 281, 283 (C.D. Cal. 1998). Trustee has done nothing to remove this surprise, and instead has doubled
18 down on its clear intention to refuse to provide substantive discovery and blindside Defendants at trial. It
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20 R. Civ. P. 26 sets out specific rules regarding ESI, and states that the responding party should “provide
21 enough detail to enable the requesting party to evaluate the burdens and costs of providing the discovery
22 and the likelihood of finding responsive information on the identified sources.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 26
23 advisory committee’s note to 2006 amendment; *see also Cheng v. Aim Sports*, No. CV 10-3814-PSG
24 (PLAx), 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 163153, at *24 (C.D. Cal. Mar. 30, 2011) (“principles of fairness require
25 that the burden of culling through ‘the 108 boxes of invoices, organized by customer, to find the
26 approximately 26,000 invoices relating to the patented items’ [] be placed on plaintiffs, rather than on
27 defendant AIM. While the burden of searching through plaintiffs’ records may be a cumbersome task for
28 plaintiffs, this burden would be much greater for defendant AIM as a stranger to [plaintiff’s] record

1 keeping.”); *Williams v. Taser Intern., Inc.*, No. 1:06-CV-0051-RWS, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 47255, at
2 *24 (N.D. Ga. June 30, 2006) (noting that where a party is “‘overly generous’ in
3 identifying responsive documents so as to unduly burden [the party seeking discovery] in their search of
4 those documents,” a Court may order the producing party to organize and label
5 those documents specifically responsive to the requests for production); *Queensridge Towers, LLC v.*
6 *Allianz Global Risks US Ins. Co.*, No. 2:13-cv-00197-JCM-PAL, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14167, at *15,
7 18 (D. Nev. Feb. 4, 2014) (granting motion to compel and holding that a plaintiff did not meet its burden
8 where it produced a large volume of documents, and in response to requests for production, stated it “has
9 produced or will produce all reasonably responsive, relevant and non-privileged documents,” making it
10 “impossible to tell which documents [plaintiff] claims are responsive to which request”; the court further
11 held that defendant was “entitled to know which documents are responsive to which responses.”). Trustee
12 has done nothing to meet its burden, instead directing Defendants to search through millions of
13 documents to identify a single responsive document. As established above, this obligation does not
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28 responsive to the document requests, it would be even more burdensome for [defendant] to guess which

documents are responsive to which requests,” and further ordering that “Plaintiffs must identify the documents, for example by bates number, such that [defendant] will have no difficulty identifying and locating the specific responsive documents.”). Ample case law makes it clear that Trustee’s dump of millions of documents on Defendants in purported “response” to Trustee’s Requests for Production is improper and contrary to its discovery obligations. It cannot get away with skirting its obligations at the great expense and undue burden of Defendants.

Trustee cites to *In re MyKey Technology Inc. Patent Litigation* and similar authorities for the proposition that its reference to its entire database of ESI is proper under the Rules. No. CV 13-2461-AG (PLAx), 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 184847 (C.D. Cal. Feb. 25, 2016). However, the Court in *Mykey* specifically held that such a reference was improper where the database “apparently contain[ed] a significant amount of material that is not responsive to any discovery request.” *Id.* at *12. This is clearly the case here, where Trustee produced a database of millions of documents, when it has otherwise represented in the Joint Status Report that it only plans to rely on approximately 100 exhibits at trial. Trustee also cites to *TetraVue Inc. v. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co.*, No. 14cv2021-W (BLM), 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 37373, at *18 (S.D. Cal. Mar. 15, 2017) for the contention that its document dump was appropriate; however, the party in *TetraVue* produced a document set consisting of 10,600 documents **far fewer** than the **millions of documents** Trustee has dumped on Defendants. Thus, this case is wholly inapposite to the situation at hand.

The Trustee cites to Rule 34(b)(2)(E)(ii) and says that the rule somehow allows for a document dump when electronically stored information is involved. The language of the Rule does not support this interpretation. Rule 34(b)(2)(E) deals with the production of documents and electronically stored information. Rule 34(b)(2)(E)(i) allows a party to produce documents as they are kept in the regular course of business. Likewise, Rule 34(b)(2)(E)(ii) allows electronically stored information to be produced in a form in which it is ordinarily maintained. The Trustee does not even attempt to argue that there is compliance with the Rule when documents are produced if millions of pages of irrelevant information is produced, yet says that this is permissible if electronically stored information is involved. Both subsections of the Rule merely provide for production of information in the manner in which they are ordinarily kept or maintained. They do not sanction the production of massive quantities of information

1 that are not responsive to the requests.

2 Further, Trustee also contends that because Defendants did not, on their own, propose search
3 terms during the parties' protracted meet and confer conversations, Defendants somehow are the ones to
4 blame for Trustee's failure to undertake any effort to review and identification of responsive documents.
5 This argument fails. Rule 34(b)(2)(D) does not even require that a party propounding a document request
6 propose the form in which electronic data is to be produced, let alone provide search terms. As discussed
7 above, the burden lies on the responding party to produce documents specifically responsive to each
8 request for production, and if running search terms is a mechanism by which Trustee believes it can
9 fulfill its obligations and meet its burden, Trustee should have been the one to raise this point and suggest
10 search terms which will disclose documents that support its claims. Indeed, throughout the meet and
11 confer process, Defendants repeatedly informed Trustee that they seek documents specifically responsive
12 to their Requests for Production, but Trustee never proposed search terms, never asked Defendants to
13 propose search terms for its review, and never even mentioned "search terms" during meet and confer
14 discussions. This baseless argument is just another attempt by Trustee to justify its having washed its
15 hands of its obligations by seeking to improperly shift its discovery obligations onto Defendants.
16 Further, it does nothing to excuse the Trustee's failure to identify, let alone produce, any responsive
17 electronically stored information.

18 In an attempt to deflect attention from its blatant failure to comply with discovery obligations, the
19 Trustee discusses documents it references in its Second Amended Initial Rule 26 Disclosures
20 ("Disclosures").¹ The documents referenced in the Disclosures serve only to identify documents which
21 support the Trustee's claims and are not in any way tied into the specific document requests served by the
22 Blue Wolf Entities. This said, the reference to ESI documents in the Disclosures reference over a million
23 pages of documents. While better than the reference to all of the ESI documents, which may be more
24 than 10 million pages of documents, it still does not come close to comporting with the requirement of
25 the Federal Rules to identify documents responsive to discovery requests.

26 In sum, Trustee has skirted its discovery obligations, failed to comply with the requirements of
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28 ¹ While these Disclosures are likewise deficient, they are not presently before this Court and the Defendants reserve the right to seek relief pertaining to same.

both Rule 26 and Rule 34, and misstated the law concerning ESI obligations.

III. TRUSTEE'S POSITION REGARDING ESI DISCOVERY

Defendants repeatedly, and without any factual or legal support, refer to Trustee's ESI production as a "data dump" of "millions" of documents. But Trustee's production is not a data dump and instead proper ESI production for several reasons: (1) the ESI was produced in an organized manner; (2) the Trustee has highlighted specific directory and files locations (up to three levels of file paths) that contain documents relevant to the issues in dispute in this case; (3) the ESI is searchable and sortable, (4) the documents were kept in the ordinary course of business; and (5) if Defendants' make a reasonable effort, they should be able to obtain the documents responsive to their requests. These are the hallmarks of ESI production, which Trustee has established and complied with.

The Trustee presents the following overview of the relevant law and arguments relating to ESI discovery, and thereafter responds to each of the Blue Wolf Entities' complaints regarding its Requests for Production.

A. Relevant Law

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 34(b)(2)(E) governs the production of documents or electronically stored information ("ESI") and states as follows:

Unless otherwise stipulated or ordered by the court, these procedures apply to producing documents or electronically stored information:

- (i) A party must produce documents as they are kept in the usual course of business or must organize and label them to correspond to the categories in the request;
- (ii) *If a request does not specify a form for producing electronically stored information, a party must produce it in a form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form or forms;* and
- (iii) A party need not produce the same electronically stored information in more than one form.

Moore's Federal Practices, the advisory committee's notes, and experts on electronic discovery,² agree that Rule 34(b)(2)(E)(i) applies to the production of **hard copy documents**, and that the rule makers crafted **alternative, mutually exclusive**, procedures in (E)(ii) that are designed to apply specifically to

² John K. Rabiej, *Rabiej on Production of ESI*, Emerging Issues 2628, at *2 (July 29, 2008) (second and third alterations in original) (quoting Fed.R.Civ.P. 34 advisory committee's notes)

ESI.³ California federal district courts have generally accepted this distinction.⁴ “Requesting parties are entitled to the guarantees of (E)(i) or (E)(ii), but not both.”⁵ *See also, Laub v. Horbaczewski*, 331 F.R.D. 516, 527 (C.D. Cal. 2019) (“Rule 34(b)(2)(E)(ii) requires the producing party to produce the material in a form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form or forms.”) (internal quotations omitted).

B. Status of Trustee’s Production

The Blue Wolf Entities have not specified a form for producing electronically stored information. *See* Defs.’ Requests for Production, Set One at 3–5. Thus, CTG is required to produce hard-copy documents pursuant to Rule 34(b)(2)(E)(i) and ESI pursuant to (E)(ii). The universe of documents in the Trustee’s possession—which the Trustee received upon his appointment—consist of two forms of documents: (1) 166 banker’s boxes (“Storage Documents”) from the Chief Restructuring Officer (“CRO”), David Tiffany, which consist of hard-copies of certain CTG’s physical copies of books and records; and (2) certain electronic data of CTG received from the CRO, which consists of three hard drives and a thumb drive (collectively, the “Electronic Documents”). Importantly, no ESI order is in place in this case, nor have the Blue Wolf Entities attempted to discuss or negotiate keyword search terms.

1. Production of Hard-copy Storage Documents

The Storage Documents are currently located in a storage facility in San Diego. The Storage Documents are organized with an Index, providing a box number, a date range, and a description of the documents. These documents have been kept in the regular course of businesses. The Blue Wolf Entities have previously inspected and copied the Storage Documents in connection with a related state court lawsuit; the Blue Wolf Entities *have not* requested to inspect the Storage Documents again.

Despite this, in compliance with Rule 34(b)(2)(E)(i), on February 13, 2021, the Trustee produced CTG_000209 through CTG_009639, which consists of a subset of the Storage Documents that have been culled by Trustee and deemed responsive to the Blue Wolf Entities’ discovery requests. The production consists of 1.61 gigabytes of data, consisting of 96 files and 27 folders, and approximately 9,500 pages of

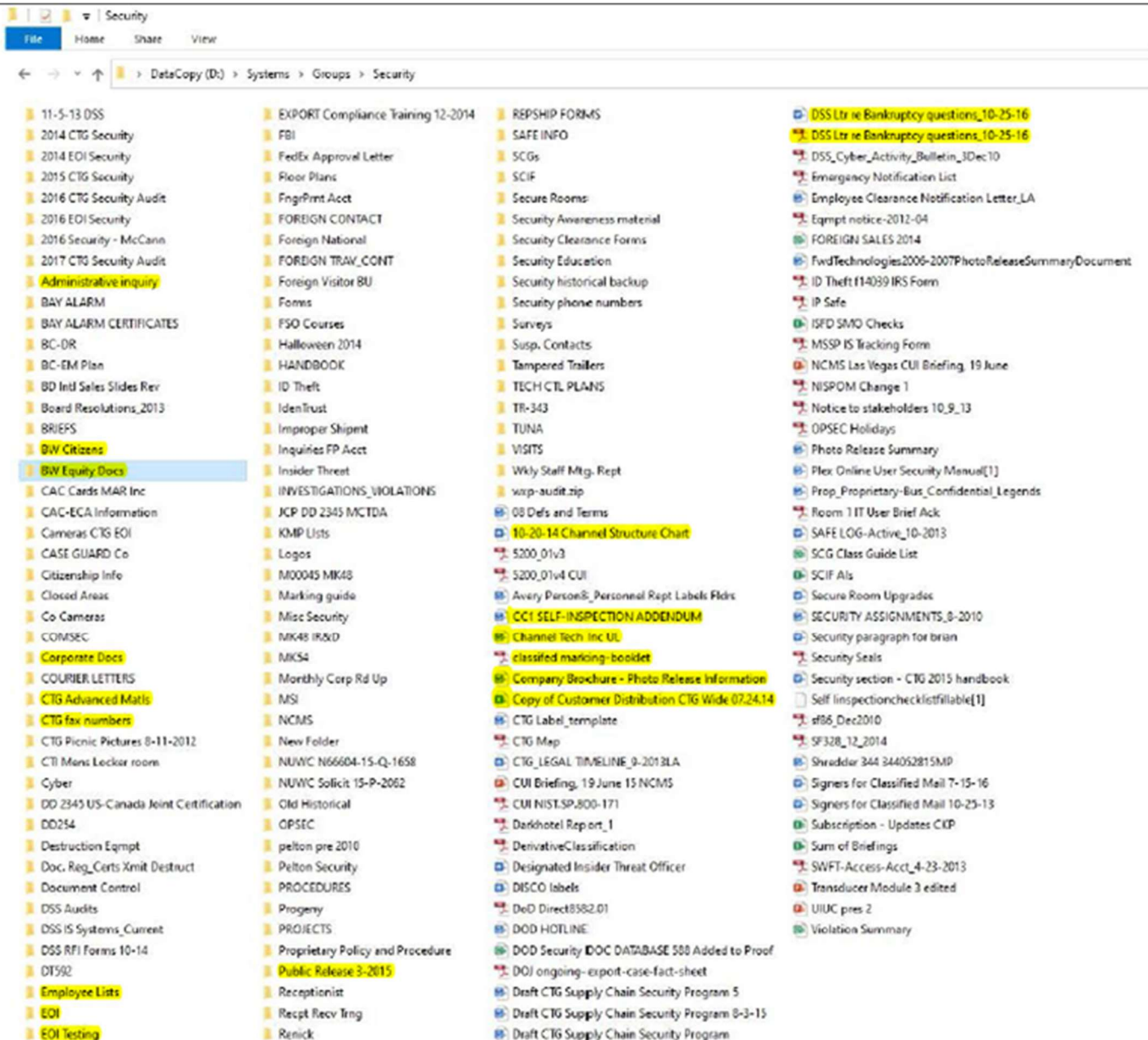
³ *Anderson Living Trust v. WPX Energy Prod., LLC*, 298 F.R.D. 514, 527 (D.N.M. 2014).

⁴ *SolarCity Corp. v Doria*, No.16cv3085-JAH-RBB, 2018 WK 467898, at *7 (S.D. Cal. Jan 18, 2018).

⁵ *TetraVue, Inc. v. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co.*, Case No.: 14cv2021-W (BLM), 2017 WL 1008788, at *7 (S.D. Cal. Mar. 15, 2017)

documents.

2. Production of ESI



In addition to producing the Storage Data, the Trustee has produced duplicates of the Electronic Data to the Blue Wolf Entities, including PST files for CTG's employees. As part of Trustee's Second Amended Initial Disclosures, Trustee has highlighted specific directory and files locations that contain documents relevant to the issues in dispute in this case. For example, for the Data Copy drive produced, Trustee has identified up to three levels of file paths and then highlighted relevant documents or folders containing relevant documents.

1 *See* Ex. A Trustee’s Second Am. Initial Disclosures at 50. In this example, Trustee has highlighted
2 and identified relevant folders such as “BW Citizens,” “BW Equity Docs,” “Employee Lists,” and structure
3 charts, while excluding as irrelevant folders such as those containing company event photographs, floor
4 plans, plex data documents, and administrative documents.

5 **C. The Trustee has Complied with the Federal Rules and Relevant Case Law**

6 The Trustee has submitted a Declaration in Support of Trustee’s Position Regarding Stipulation of
7 Disputed Issues. The Trustee declares that both the ESI and Storage Documents have been kept and
8 maintained in the regular, usual, and ordinary course of business. *See* Ex. B, Trustee’s Declaration at ¶ 11.
9 The ESI was produced to the Blue Wolf Defendants as duplicates of the Electronic Data as it was received
10 from Tiffany. *Id.* ¶ 12. The duplicates were produced without any alterations. *Id.* No documents were
11 removed or added to the duplicates or Electronic Data as it was produced to the Blue Wolf Defendants. *Id.*
12 Moreover, the ESI is organized, sortable, and searchable. *Id.* ¶ 13. The PST files included with the ESI
13 are also sortable and searchable. *Id.*

14 The Trustee’s ESI production comports with both Rule 34 as well as the well-established practice
15 in California federal district courts. For example, in *TetraVue Inc. v. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co.*, the
16 defendant similarly complained of plaintiffs’ production as being a “data dump” which lacked an index for
17 locate responsive documents. Case No.: 14cv2021-W (BLM), 2017 WL 1008788, at *7 (S.D. Cal. Mar.
18 15, 2017). The defendant complained that one subcategory of the ESI comprised of over 10,600 documents
19 and almost 82,000 pages. *Id.* at 6. The plaintiffs similarly submitted a declaration that the produced
20 documents at issue consisted “almost exclusively of emails and email attachments maintained as [ESI],”
21 that the underlying case file was an electronic file, and that “the responsive production and the format of
22 the responsive production . . . is a production of ESI.” *Id.* The court found that the plaintiffs’ declaration
23 established that the underlying litigation case file consisted of ESI and, thus, that the production was
24 governed by Rule 34(b)(2)(E)(ii). The court noted that the plaintiff produced ESI in the date order as it
25 was stored in the underlying case, that the defendant could “search, filter, group, index, etc. the produced
26 ESI, and had already started doing so.” *Id.* The court ultimately held that plaintiffs’ ESI production was
27 adequate and that no further production or labelling was required by the plaintiffs.

28 Similarly, in *MyKey Technology Inc. Patent Litigation*, MyKey made an electronic production of

1 over 600,000 documents and over 2 million pages in response to hundreds of RFPs. No. CV13-2461-AG,
2 2016 WL 6662720, at *1–2 (C.D. Cal. Feb. 25, 2016). MyKey admitted it copied and produced everything
3 on its computers, whether or not responsive to defendants’ request. *Id.* at *2. One of the defendants, Tefkat,
4 complained of a “data dump,” and that the documents were not stored in the ordinary course of business.
5 *Id.* The court found that the file structure provided to Tefkat demonstrated that MyKey produced the
6 documents as they were kept in the usual course of business, and that the “production did not simply consist
7 of a disorganized document dump.” *Id.* at *2. As to the issue of producing all documents, whether or not
8 they were responsive to Tefkat’s requests, the court noted that though the production did not consist of a
9 “mass of undifferentiated documents ...to comb through...without organizational structure,” and the
10 documents were searchable, it was concerned that the production contained a significant amount of
11 unresponsive material. *Id.* To resolve this matter, ***the court ordered MyKey to provide Tefkat with a list***
12 ***of only those folders that contained documents responsive to Tefkat’s request, by folder path and file***
13 ***name.*** *Id.* at *3 (emphasis added). The court ***did not*** order MyKey to identify all responsive documents by
14 Bates number, as Defendants request here. Defendants’ contention that the court in MyKey simply found
15 MyKey’s reference to ESI production to be improper is a reductive and incomplete reading of the case.
16 There, the court found that the format of the production was proper, but that additional work needed to be
17 done by MyKey. Here, the Trustee has already done that work. It has already identified by folder path and
18 file name the documents which it contends are responsive to the Blue Wolf Entities’ requests.

19 Likewise, in *Kwasniewski v. Sanofi-Aventis U.S., LLC*, the plaintiff complained that the defendant
20 failed to organize ESI in a manner that allowed them to reasonably determine which documents were
21 responsive to which requests. No. 2:12-cv-005150 GM NJK, 2013 WL 3297182, at *1 (D.Nev. June 28,
22 2013). The plaintiff requested that the defendant identify by Bates number which documents respond to
23 each of the plaintiff’s request. *Id.* at *2. The defendant contended that it produced documents as they
24 were kept in the normal course of business, were easy to navigate, and produced in an organized manner,
25 and that, therefore, its production was sufficient under Rule 34. *Id.* The court ruled overruled plaintiff’s
26 request, noting that defendant provided a table of contents with the documents it produced, which
27 described the types of documents and the volume and page number where those documents may be
28 found. *Id.* The court further noted that the defendant provided metadata, and all but 33 of the documents

1 were text searchable. *Id.* Based on these facts, the court held that, “[t]hus, if the *Plaintiffs make a*
2 *reasonable effort, they should be able to obtain the documents responsive to their requests.*” *Id.* at *2
3 (emphasis added). The court still ordered the defendant to indicate whether the documents produced
4 were responsive, though it was not required to organize and label its responses to plaintiff’s requests for
5 production to correspond to the categories in the request because defendant had correctly produced
6 documents as kept in the usual course of business. Here, again, the Trustee has already identified by file
7 path and folder name the responsive documents.

8 **D. The Case Law Cited by Defendants is Inapposite**

9 The Blue Wolf Entities complaint that the Trustee producing all the documents in its possession
10 runs afoul of its discovery obligations is meritless and unsupported by the law. In support of its facile
11 argument, Defendants cite to three cases. Each of these cases is inapposite to the issues at hand,
12 uninformative, or irrelevant.

13 First, Defendants cite to *ReedHycalog v. United Diamond*, a 2008 unpublished case from the
14 Eastern District of Texas. In this case, the producing parties imaged and reviewed the hard drives of
15 relevant custodians, removed privileged documents and designated documents under the protective order
16 as confidential, and produced 750 gigabytes of data including baby pictures and audio folders. The court
17 found that the producing parties had engaged in gamesmanship, as they reviewed their respective
18 productions to remove privileged documents and designate confidential documents, but made no effort to
19 narrow their production to information that may be relevant. Notably, no other court has favorably cited to
20 this case on WestLaw, given the unique factual circumstances of this case. Rather, at least one court has
21 distinguished *ReedHycalog*. In *Radian Asset Assur. Inc. v. College of the Christian Bros. of New Mexico*,
22 the court found that the facts before it were not analogous to those in *ReedHycalog*; specifically, the court
23 found that the defendant was not seeking to dump non-privileged materials on plaintiff after completing a
24 privilege review. No. CIV-09-0885, 2010 WL 4928866, at *7 (D.N.M. Oct. 22, 2010). Instead, the court
25 noted that the defendant was seeking to produce all of its ESI, in part, to avoid the expense of conducting
26 a privilege review. *Id.* The court found that plaintiff’s complaint of a data dump was unwarranted, because
27 plaintiff was not seeking to use the defendant’s “superior knowledge of the documents to produce a more
28 refined search,” but instead “only [sought] to have the College *perform a search that Radian Asset is*

1 *equally competent to perform.” Id.* (emphasis added). The operative facts in *Radian*, and the base for
2 distinguishing from *ReedHycalog*, were thus (1) that the defendant was not engaging in gamesmanship on
3 seeking to produce a subset of its ESI,; and (2) the plaintiff was equally competent to perform the searches
4 it was requesting of the defendant.

5 The same operative facts apply here. Trustee has made every attempt to comply with its discovery
6 obligations. Though the Trustee has indeed produced all of the electronic data in its possession, it has not
7 reviewed or culled out privileged or confidential documents, or otherwise engaged in any discovery-related
8 gamesmanship. Instead, Trustee has identified in its Initial Disclosures by file path and folder names the
9 relevant documents in this case. Though the parties have not exchanged any keyword search terms, the
10 Blue Wolf Entities are competent to perform searches of any documents as Trustee has produced
11 documents in a searchable format.

12 *Mancini v. Ins. Corp. of New York*, the only California federal court case cited by the Blue Wolf
13 Entities, is also distinguishable. In that case, the producing party produced the entire underlying litigation
14 file—on 73 computer disks—including deposition transcripts, expert reports, pleadings, etc. The court
15 found that each disk was an amalgam of various documents, and were not kept in the ordinary course of
16 running the business of the depository. On these bases, the court held that producing the entire universe of
17 documents did not comport with the requirement that documents be produced as they are kept in the usual
18 course of business. Here, however, Trustee has produced the electronic drives as they were kept in the
19 ordinary and usual course of business.

20 Finally, the Blue Wolf Entities’ reliance on *Residential Constructors, LLC v. ACE Prop. & Cas.*
21 *Ins.* is inapposite to the Defendants’ position. In that case, the plaintiff made available for inspection
22 documents which were contained in 41 large-sized boxes. The documents were digitally imaged and the
23 plaintiff provided defendant with CD discs containing the imaged documents, in the same order in which
24 they were contained in the 41 boxes. The defendant complained that plaintiff did not provide any table of
25 contents or index of the documents on the CD, making it unreasonably difficult to make use of the CDs.
26 The court sided with the defendant, and ordered the plaintiff to create a table of contents or index by which
27 to identify the files it has produced and in which boxes or group of document numbers the files are located.

28 The Blue Wolf Entities fail to realize that the court’s reference to commentary regarding the

“document dump” applies to situation where boxes of documents are produced, without organization or an index. *Id.* at *2 (“The Court qualifies its ruling by explicitly stating that in order to satisfy the requirements of Rule 34(b) any archived documents produced must be thoroughly indexed, the boxes accurately labeled and the depository kept in good order.”). *Residential Constructors* is, in fact, supportive authority for the Trustee—the Trustee has produced the hard copy Storage Documents with a detailed index, and which were kept in the usual course of business.

Importantly, the Blue Wolf Entities do not cite to a *single case* where the court required a party that produced ESI in searchable, sortable, and an organized format, kept in the regular and ordinary course of business, to cull through its documents and identify—as the Blue Wolf Entities request here—every specific responsive document by Bates number. Such a request is unduly burdensome where Defendants are equally competent and able to search Trustee’s ESI production. Trustee’s production of its entire ESI file obviates the need for the parties to negotiate limited key word search terms; instead the Blue Entities are free to run an unlimited number of searches.⁶

In sum, the Trustee’s production of the Storage Documents and ESI comports with Rule 34 and the governing practices in federal district courts in California. The Blue Wolf Entities cite to no case law or authority where a court has required a producing party, which has produced searchable and sortable ESI, to identify to each of the requesting party’s requests for production by identifying specific documents by Bates stamps. Instead, the Blue Wolf Entities are in an equal position to conduct an unlimited number of key word searches and organize and sort through the responsive folders as Defendants wish. The Blue Wolf Entities’ complaint that Trustee has produced a massive database containing “millions of documents” rings hollow where the Trustee has already identified by file path and folder names the responsive and relevant documents in this action.

III. REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION IN DISPUTE

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1:

All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that “Blue Wolf Capital Partners ... forced BW

⁶ The Defendants also cite to cases where courts dealt with the production of *hard-copy documents*. See *Cheng v. Aim Sports*; *Williams v. Taser Intern., Inc.*; and *Queensridge Towers, LLC v. Allianz Global Risks US Ins.* These cases are inapposite because they deal with a different set of rules than those that govern ESI.

Piezo, CTG, and CTG's subsidiary Electro Optical Industries to enter into a credit facility agreement with CIT Bank, N.A.," as alleged in paragraph 27 of the COMPLAINT.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

Trustee has failed produce any tangible documents that are responsive to this specific request and has failed to identify a single document within its ESI database responsive to this Request for Production. Instead, the Trustee refers Defendants to its massive ESI database containing millions of documents. Even if this is to be construed as a reference to the ESI database in the Disclosures, no attempt is made to identify which of the categories in the index are responsive and the documents referenced in the index number over one million pages. While the Trustee says it has produced 9500 pages of documents, those documents were produced in state court litigation in which the Defendants' counsel represented different parties. The Trustee does not identify any of those documents which are responsive to this request. The fact that the Trustee has produced some random books and records in state court litigation involving the same counsel is meaningless and irrelevant. In referring Defendants to the entirety of its ESI database, Trustee improperly attempts to shift the burden of identifying responsive documents onto Defendants. "Generally, the purpose of discovery is to remove surprise from trial preparation so the parties can obtain evidence necessary to evaluate and resolve their dispute." *Oakes v. Halvorsen Marine Ltd.*, 179 F.R.D. 281, 283 (C.D. Cal. 1998). Trustee has done nothing to remove this surprise, and instead has doubled down on its clear intention to refuse to provide substantive discovery and blindside Defendants at trial. It is Trustee's discovery obligation to identify the responsive documents within its database. Indeed, Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 sets out specific rules regarding ESI, and states that the responding party should "provide enough detail to enable the requesting party to evaluate the burdens and costs of providing the discovery and the likelihood of finding responsive information on the identified sources." Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 advisory committee's note to 2006 amendment. Trustee has done

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23 Trustee will likely cite to *In re MyKey Technology Inc. Patent Litigation* and similar authorities
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27 significant amount of material that is not responsive to any discovery request.” *Id.* at *12. This is clearly
28 the case here, where Trustee produced a database of millions of documents, when it has otherwise

1 represented in the Joint Status Report that it only plans to rely on approximately 100 exhibits at trial.

2 Thus, Trustee should be ordered to supplement its response to comply with its obligations under
3 Rule 26 and Rule 34.

4 **TRUSTEE'S POSITION:**

5 The Trustee refers the Court to the above arguments and authorities supporting the Trustee's
6 position that it has complied with all discovery obligations and properly produced ESI and hard-copy
7 documents in accordance with Rule 34.

8 The Trustee has produced ESI in searchable, sortable, and an organized format, and kept in the
9 regular and ordinary course of business. Defendants' request is unduly burdensome where Defendants are
10 equally competent and able to search Trustee's ESI production. Trustee's production of its entire ESI file
11 obviates the need for the parties to negotiate limited key word search terms; instead the Blue Entities are
12 free to run an unlimited number of searches.

13 The Trustee has complied with its discovery obligations pursuant to Rules 26 and 34. Moreover,
14 the Trustee produced select responsive documents from the Storage Documents on February 13, 2021. The
15 Trustee has also produced ESI in the required format, and has even taken the extra step of highlighting the
16 file path and folders containing relevant documents in the ESI. Defendants' request should be denied.

17 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 2:**

18 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Blue Wolf Capital Partners ... forced
19 CTG's management to obtain financing for these assets," as alleged in paragraph 31 of the
20 COMPLAINT.

21 **RESPONSE:**

22 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it has or will
23 produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls
24 for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its
25 possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

26 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:**

27 Defendants incorporate their position as to Request for Production No. 1.

28 **TRUSTEE'S POSITION:**

Trustee incorporates its position as stated in its response relating to Request for Production No. 1 and in the introductory section titled “Trustee’s Position Regarding ESI Discovery.”

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3:⁷⁸

All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that “Blue Wolf Capital Partners ... forced CTG and its subsidiary to join BW Piezo and CTG Advanced Materials as borrowers in the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement with One West Bank,” as alleged in paragraph 32 of the COMPLAINT.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES’ POSITION:

Defendants incorporate their position as to Request for Production No. 1.

TRUSTEE’S POSITION:

Trustee incorporates its position as stated in its response relating to Request for Production No. 1 and in the introductory section titled “Trustee’s Position Regarding ESI Discovery.”

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 51:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded Request for Admission No. 17.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee is examining its books and

⁷ Because Trustee responded identically to 102 other requests as it did to Request Nos. 1-3 set out in this stipulation, the Parties have only included 3 examples for efficiency and length purposes. Defendants also seek to move to compel as to Request Nos. 4-50, 64-94, 101-103, 106-122, and 130-132. Copies of Trustee’s Responses to Defendants’ Requests for Production, which include the Requests themselves, are attached hereto for the Court’s reference.

⁸ The Trustee objects to a footnote regarding requests that are not included though it has no objection to getting guidance from the Court regarding general positions and working with Defendants to resolve any other similar requests. Alternatively, the Trustee argues that its position regarding ESI discovery and its response relating to Request for Production No. 1 apply to these requests.

records in response to Request for Admission No. 17, and will supplement its response to this Request.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

The concurrently propounded Request for Admission No. 17 specified in this Request for Production asks whether or not Trustee made a certain payment. Trustee's response that it will "examin[e] its books and records" and "will supplement its response" at some future unspecified date is untenable. *Herrera v. PNC Bank, N.A.*, No. EDCV 18-144-JFW (KKx), 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 227150, at *7 (C.D. Cal. July 26, 2018) ("[T]he response that 'discovery is ongoing' is evasive and incomplete and, hence, 'must be treated as a failure to . . . respond.'"). Trustee has had ample time to understand which facts support its allegations, particularly those that relate to specific monetary transfers; indeed, Trustee has amended its Complaint in this action three times. It is inconceivable that Trustee cannot answer what payments it did and did not make when its entire claim for damages is based on payments it allegedly made. Additionally, even if Trustee needs to examine certain "books and records" to respond to Request for Admission No. 17, it should produce those books and records in response to this Request for Production. Thus, Trustee should be ordered to immediately supplement its response to Request for Production No. 51 and produce documents responsive to the Request.

TRUSTEE'S POSITION:

The Blue Wolf Entities' complaint is unwarranted and premature in multiple respects.

First, the Trustee did indeed produce, on February 13, 2021, over 9,500 pages of documents culled from the Storage Documents which largely consist of books and records of CTG.

Second, the Trustee has not denied Requests for Admissions Nos. 17–29. Rather, the Trustee admits that the payments in question do not appear on bank statements, and that it is re-examining its books and records to confirm the circumstances of these payments and identify the precise supporting documents.

Third, discovery has just begun in this case. The Court has not entered a scheduling order nor have the parties agreed upon discovery deadline dates. While the Trustee has identified the payments in Schedule B, the Trustee is in the process of identifying the specific documents supporting these payments. The Trustee further maintains that the Blue Wolf Entities directed, controlled, operated, and managed CTG and that the Blue Wolf Entities are likely to possess the same or more documents which will support these payments. The Blue Wolf Entities have not produced any documents in this litigation or the state court

1 action and the Trustee is still in the process of serving written discovery. In short, the Blue Wolf Entities'
2 claim that Trustee is evading responding to discovery requests is unwarranted and premature; the Trustee
3 has made a good-faith effort to respond to discovery and will supplement its responses upon re-examining
4 the books and records.

5 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 52:**

6 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded Request for
7 Admission No. 18.

8 **RESPONSE:**

9 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee is examining its books and
10 records in response to Request for Admission No. 18, and will supplement its response to this Request.

11 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:**

12 Defendants incorporate their position as to Request for Production No. 51.

13 **TRUSTEE'S POSITION:**

14 Trustee incorporates its position as stated in its response relating to Request for Production No. 51

15 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 53:⁹**

16 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded Request for
17 Admission No. 19.

18 **RESPONSE:**

19 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee is examining its books and
20 records in response to Request for Admission No. 19, and will supplement its response to this Request.

21 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:**

22 Defendants incorporate their position as to Request for Production No. 51.

23 **TRUSTEE'S POSITION:**

24 Trustee incorporates its position as stated in its response relating to Request for Production No. 51

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26 ⁹ Because Trustee responded identically to 14 other requests as it did to Request Nos. 51-53 set out in this
27 stipulation, the Parties have only included 3 examples for efficiency and length purposes. Defendants
28 also seek to move to compel as to Request Nos. 54-63. Copies of Trustee's Responses to Defendants'
Requests for Production, which include the Requests themselves, are attached hereto for the Court's
reference.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 124:

All DOCUMENTS relating to any settlement agreements executed between YOU and Fidus Investment Corporation.

RESPONSE:

Trustee objects to this Request to the extent it seeks information that is neither relevant, reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, nor proportional to the needs of the case.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

Trustee asserts pithy boilerplate objections as to relevance and proportionality. Such boilerplate objections are improper. *A. Farber & Partners Inc.*, 234 F.R.D. 186, 188 (C.D. Cal. 2006) (“[G]eneral or boilerplate objections such as ‘overly burdensome and harassing’ are improper – especially when a party fails to submit any evidentiary declarations supporting such objections.”); *Herrera*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 227150, at *7 (“Plaintiff’s boilerplate objections are improper and, therefore, overruled.”); *Menell v. Rialto Unified School District, et al.*, No. EDCV 15-2124-VAP (KKx), 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 80107, at *10 (C.D. Cal. June 20, 2016) (finding “boilerplate relevance and vagueness objections to each interrogatory are improper and not well taken” and granting motion to compel); *Reisdorf v. Skechers U.S.A., Inc.*, No. CV 10-7181 DDP (SSx), 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 200627, at *31-32 (C.D. Cal. Sept. 9, 2013) (“Courts have found that the assertion of boilerplate objections [...] is tantamount to interposing no objections at all.”); *Duran v. Cisco Sys., Inc.*, 258 F.R.D. 375, 379 (C.D. Cal. 2009) (“[U]nexplained and unsupported boilerplate objections are improper.”).

Further, Trustee’s relevance objections are without merit. Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(1) provides for broad discovery “regarding any nonprivileged matter that is relevant to any party’s claim or defense and proportional to the needs of the case . . .” Rule 26(b) “is liberally interpreted to permit wide-ranging discovery of all information reasonably calculated to lead to discovery of admissible evidence; but the discoverable information need not be admissible at the trial.” *Oakes*, 179 F.R.D. at 283. “A request for discovery should be considered relevant if there is any possibility that the information sought may be relevant to the subject matter of this action” and “[d]iscovery should ordinarily be allowed under the concept of relevancy unless it is clear that the information sought can have no possible bearing upon the

1 subject matter of this action.” *Id.*; see also *Phoenix Solutions Inc. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, 254 F.R.D.
2 568, 575 (N.D. Cal. 2008) (“The scope of discovery permissible under Rule 26 should be liberally
3 construed; the rule contemplates discovery into any matter that bears on or that reasonably could lead to
4 other matter that could bear on any issue that is or may be raised in a case.”) “The party who resists
5 discovery has the burden to show that discovery should not be allowed, and has the burden of clarifying,
6 explaining, and supporting its objections.” *Id.*; *Sullivan v. Prudential Ins. Co. of Am.*, 233 F.R.D. 573,
7 575 (C.D. Cal. 2005). Here, Trustee has not clarified, explained, or otherwise supported its objections
8 with any specificity or even generality. It simply asserts that the Request is not relevant, when in reality,
9 a settlement agreement between any of the named defendants or parties in the case and Trustee, and the
10 terms contained therein, will surely have the “possibility” of providing information that “may be relevant
11 to the subject matter of this action.” Indeed, it is possible that the settlement agreement that is the subject
12 of this Request could relieve the Blue Wolf Entities of liability with respect to the underlying transfers
13 that served as the basis for Trustee’s claims, as section 550(d) of the Bankruptcy Code limits a trustee to
14 a single satisfaction with respect to a transfer. Thus, Trustee should be ordered to supplement its response
15 to explain its boilerplate objections and produce documents responsive to this Request.

16 The Trustee says in the Stipulation that it will now produce the documents “subject to (1) the
17 protective order, (2) agreement from the Blue Wolf Entities that such agreement shall be designated as
18 “Confidential” and (3) consent from the settling parties.” There already has been a protective order
19 entered; it is the obligation of the Trustee to designate the document as “Confidential” under the
20 protective order and the Blue Wolf Entities have the right to contest the designation after receiving the
21 documents which they should not be required to do in advance of receiving them; and while consent of
22 the other parties to the agreement is not required by law, the Trustee sets forth no facts indicating it has
23 done anything to obtain consents from the settling parties. This is just another example of the Trustee’s
24 inaction.

25 **TRUSTEE’S POSITION:**

26 The Trustee will produce a copy of the relevant settlement agreement subject to (1) the protective
27 order, (2) agreement from the Blue Wolf Entities that such agreement shall be designated as
28 “Confidential” and (3) consent from the settling parties.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 125:

All DOCUMENTS relating to any settlement agreements executed between YOU and Fidus Mezzanine Capital II, L.P.

RESPONSE:

Trustee objects to this Request to the extent it seeks information that is neither relevant, reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, nor proportional to the needs of the case.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

Defendants incorporate their position as to Request for Production No. 124.

TRUSTEE'S POSITION:

Trustee incorporates its position as to Request for Production No. 124.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 126:¹⁰

All DOCUMENTS relating to any settlement agreements executed between YOU and Avante Mezzanine Partners SBIC, LP.

RESPONSE:

Trustee objects to this Request to the extent it seeks information that is neither relevant, reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, nor proportional to the needs of the case.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

Defendants incorporate their position as to Request for Production No. 124.

TRUSTEE'S POSITION:

Trustee incorporates its position as to Request for Production No. 124.

IV. REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION IN DISPUTE

¹⁰ Because Trustee responded identically to 3 other requests as it did to Request Nos. 124-126 set out in this stipulation, the Parties have only included 3 examples for efficiency and length purposes. Defendants also seek to move to compel as to Request Nos. 127-129. Copies of Trustee's Responses to Defendants' Requests for Production, which include the Requests themselves, are attached hereto for the Court's reference.

1 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 1:**

2 Admit that CTG was not insolvent prior to October 2013.

3 **RESPONSE:**

4 The Trustee objects to this Request as the term “insolvent” is not defined rendering the request
5 vague and ambiguous. The request is also overbroad, beyond the scope of issues in dispute in this
6 lawsuit, and unduly burdensome in that it makes a request as to any time prior to “October 2013.” The
7 admission also calls for a legal conclusion and is the subject of expert testimony. Subject to and without
8 waiver of the foregoing objections, denied.

9 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES’ POSITION:**

10 Trustee’s response to Request for Admission No. 1 is improperly nonresponsive. In responding
11 to a request for admission, a party must either admit, deny, or explain in detail why the matter cannot be
12 truthfully admitted or denied. Fed. R. Civ. Proc., R. 36(a)(4); *Anderson v. Hansen*, No. 1:09-cv-01924-
13 LJO-MJS (PC), 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 131010, *20 (E.D. Cal. Sep. 13, 2012) (“If a matter is not
14 admitted, the responding party must specifically deny the matter or state in detail why the matter cannot
15 be truthfully admitted or denied.”). “When the purpose and significance of a request are reasonably
16 clear, courts do not permit denials based on an overly-technical reading of the request.” *Holmgren v.*
17 *State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 976 F.2d 573, 580 (9th Cir. 1992) (“Epistemological doubts speak highly
18 of (party’s) philosophical sophistication, but poorly of its respect for Rule 36(a).”). Trustee’s objection to
19 the word “insolvent” is not only an “overly-technical reading of the request,” but is clearly disingenuous
20 as Trustee is the one who brought this adversary proceeding, and is well aware of the meaning of the
21 word “insolvent.” Indeed, Trustee alleged in its Complaint that CTG is “insolvent,” clearly demonstrating
22 that it understands the meaning of the word. Further, whether an entity or individual is “insolvent” is “a
23 factual determination[] that should be reserved for discovery.” *Beskrone v. OpenGate Capital Grp. (In re*
24 *Pennysaver USA Publ’g, LLC)*, 587 B.R. 445, 456 (Bankr. D. Del. 2018). Thus, the Request is proper,
25 and Trustee must fulfill its discovery obligations by adequately responding to Defendants’ Request.

26 Additionally, Trustee has failed to “specifically deny the matter,” and thus the response must be
27 considered an admission. *See Ameripride Servs. v. Valley Indus. Servs.*, No. CIV 2:00-cv-0113-LKK-
28 JFM, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 39408, at *11-12 (E.D. Cal. April 1, 2011) (granting plaintiff’s motion to

1 compel amended responses to its Requests for Admissions and stating “[i]t is also clear that an evasive
2 denial, one that does not ‘specifically deny the matter,’ or a response that does not set forth ‘in detail’ the
3 reasons why the answering party cannot truthfully admit or deny the matter, may be deemed an
4 admission.”). Thus, Trustee should be ordered to withdraw its objections to this Request and supplement
5 its response to specify facts and details surrounding its denial or the request should be deemed admitted.

6 **TRUSTEE’S POSITION:**

7 First, in the guise of a single admission, Defendants impermissibly demand that Plaintiff identify
8 whether Plaintiff was insolvent each and every day of its existence prior to 2013. That is on its face an
9 impermissibly broad request. Second, Defendants know that there are multiple tests for insolvency, but
10 they do not specify the test that the admission includes so it must include all of the possible tests for
11 insolvency. That too is an impermissibly overbroad request for admission. In other words, according to
12 Defendants, Plaintiff would have to address each test for insolvency for each day of CTG’s existence
13 prior to 2013 to answer this request. Finally, legal insolvency is an ultimate legal conclusion that is
14 inappropriate for an admission. It is also usually the subject of expert testimony—and the deadline for
15 designating experts has not even been set, much less passed—not a subject of the Trustee’s lay
16 testimony. For each and all of these reasons, this is an unfair and impermissible request for admission.

17 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 2:**

18 Admit that at no point in 2013 was CTG insolvent.

19 **RESPONSE:**

20 The Trustee objects to this Request as the term “insolvent” is not defined rendering the request
21 vague and ambiguous. The admission also calls for a legal conclusion and is the subject of expert
22 testimony. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, denied.

23 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES’ POSITION:**

24 Defendants incorporate their position as to Request for Admission No. 1.

25 **TRUSTEE’S POSITION:**

26 The Trustee incorporates its position with respect to Request for Admission No. 1. The only
27 difference in the request is that instead of asking for every day of CTG’s existence, this request asks for
28 each day of the 365 days of 2013 whether under every possible test for insolvency whether CTG was

insolvent or not on each day of 2013. While perhaps this request acknowledges the overbreadth of Request for Admission No. 1 that incorporates all days of CTG's existence prior to 2013, the request for 365 days in 2013 is equally overbroad.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 3:¹¹

Admit that at no point in 2014 was CTG insolvent.

RESPONSE:

The Trustee objects to this Request as the term "insolvent" is not defined rendering the request vague and ambiguous. The admission also calls for a legal conclusion and is the subject of expert testimony. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, denied.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

Defendants incorporate their position as to Request for Admission No. 1

TRUSTEE'S POSITION:

The Trustee incorporates its position with respect to Request for Admission No. 1. The only difference in the request is that instead of asking for every day of CTG's existence, this request asks for each day of the 365 days of 2014 whether under every possible test for insolvency whether CTG was insolvent or not on each day of 2014. While perhaps this request acknowledges the overbreadth of Request for Admission No. 1 that incorporates all days of CTG's existence prior to 2013, the request for 365 days in 2014 is equally overbroad.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 7:

Admit that CTG borrowed \$1,750,000.00 on 10/1/15 from CIT BANK, N.A.

RESPONSE:

The Trustee objects to this Request as CTG was not the sole borrower on the lending agreement with One West Bank. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, denied as stated.

¹¹ Because Trustee responded identically to 4 other requests as it did to Request Nos. 1-3 set out in this stipulation, the Parties have only included 3 examples for efficiency and length purposes. Defendants also seek to move to compel as to Request Nos. 4, 33, 34, and 41. Copies of Trustee's Responses to Defendants' Requests for Admission, which include the Requests themselves, are attached hereto for the Court's reference.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

Trustee's response to Request for Admission No. 7 is improperly nonresponsive. Notwithstanding the fact that the debtor's records in this action reflect that it received a transfer from CIT Bank, N.A. on the date specified in the Request, Trustee refuses to even acknowledge that such a transfer occurred. Even as to basic issues such as the one set out in this Request, Trustee has stonewalled and refused to provide Defendants with clear, cohesive answers. It is imperative that Trustee complies with its discovery obligations and provides a straightforward answer, as Defendants' defense in this action is that while Trustee contends that the debtor transferred money to CIT Bank at its own expense, it ignores the fact that debtor *received even more money* than what it owed, thereby nullifying Trustee's claims.

Not only has Trustee substantively violated its discovery obligations in responding to this Request, it has done so procedurally as well. In responding to a request for admission, a party must either admit, deny, or explain in detail why the matter cannot be truthfully admitted or denied. Fed. R. Civ. Proc., R. 36(a)(4); *Anderson v. Hansen*, 2012 WL 4049979, *8 (E.D. Cal. Sep. 13, 2012) ("If a matter is not admitted, the responding party must specifically deny the matter or state in detail why the matter cannot be truthfully admitted or denied."). "When the purpose and significance of a request are reasonably clear, courts do not permit denials based on an overly-technical reading of the request." *Holmgren v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 976 F.2d 573, 580 (9th Cir. 1992) ("Epistemological doubts speak highly of (party's) philosophical sophistication, but poorly of its respect for Rule 36(a)."). Trustee's objection that CTG was allegedly not the only borrower is an "overly-technical reading of the request"; it is clear that the Request is asking whether CTG borrowed a certain sum of money, regardless of whether CTG was the only borrower. By failing to answer the Request as stated, and instead qualifying the denial with a meritless objection, Trustee has again failed to "specifically deny the matter," and thus the response must be considered an admission. *See Ameripride Servs. v. Valley Indus. Servs.*, No. CIV 2:00-cv-01113-LKK-JFM, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 39408, at *11-12 (E.D. Cal. April 1, 2011) (granting plaintiff's motion to compel amended responses to its Requests for Admissions and stating "[i]t is also clear that an evasive denial, one that does not 'specifically deny the matter,' or a response that does not set forth 'in detail' the reasons why the answering party cannot truthfully admit or deny the matter, may be deemed an admission."). Thus, Trustee should be ordered to withdraw its objections to

1 this Request and supplement its response to specify facts and details surrounding its denial.

2 **TRUSTEE’S POSITION:**

3 This request seeks a misleading admission. While CTG does not deny that it was a co-borrower
4 under the loan facility that was entered into to purchase CTGAM, it was not the sole borrower. As
5 Defendants know and the loan documents reflect, the other co-borrowers included, *inter alia*, the Blue
6 Wolf Defendants through BWP and CTGAM. So CTG did not “borrow” that amount of money, all of the
7 co-borrowers borrowed that amount of money. If Defendants simply wanted to obtain an admission about
8 a transfer of funds from CIT to CTG’s account on a date certain, then Defendants could reframe the
9 request to ask that question, which is not in dispute. Instead, they have sought to characterize the transfer
10 as a borrowing of money by CTG, solely, from CIT, and that is simply not accurate and must be denied.

11 As an aside, the Trustee denies the merits arguments that the Defendants insert. The borrowing of
12 money by the entities, which included CTG, for the acquisition and operations of the alter-ego entities is
13 not mitigated by subsequent borrowings by those same groups of companies. But these merits arguments
14 really have no bearing on the discovery issues raised in this stipulation.

15 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 8:**

16 Admit that CTG borrowed \$1,300,000.00 on 10/9/15 from CIT BANK, N.A.

17 **RESPONSE:**

18 The Trustee objects to this Request as CTG was not the sole borrower on the lending agreement
19 with One West Bank. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, denied as stated.

20 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES’ POSITION:**

21 Defendants incorporate their position as to Request for Admission No. 7.

22 **TRUSTEE’S POSITION:**

23 Plaintiff incorporates its position as to Request for Admission No. 7. Again, transfers of funds on
24 specific dates by CIT should not be in dispute but characterizing them as CTG’s borrowings is not
25 accurate and requires denial of the admission. Again, Plaintiff has invited Defendants to reframe this
26 request if it only seeks acknowledgement of the transfer of funds on a particular date to an account, rather
27 than mischaracterizing the transfer.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 9:¹²

Admit that CTG borrowed \$450,000.00 on 10/28/15 from CIT BANK, N.A.

RESPONSE:

The Trustee objects to this Request as CTG was not the sole borrower on the lending agreement with One West Bank. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, denied as stated.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

Defendants incorporate their position as to Request for Admission No. 7.

TRUSTEE'S POSITION:

Plaintiff incorporates its position as to Request for Admission No. 7. Again, transfers of funds on specific dates by CIT should not be in dispute but characterizing them as CTG's borrowings is not accurate and requires denial of the admission. Again, Plaintiff has invited Defendants to reframe this request if it only seeks acknowledgement of the transfer of funds on a particular date to an account, rather than mischaracterizing the transfer.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 17:

Admit CTG did not make a payment of \$11,853.34 on 10/22/15 to CIT BANK, N.A.

RESPONSE:

Trustee admits that this payment does not appear on bank statements; however Trust is examining this payment in its books and records and will supplement its response to this Request.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

Trustees response to this Request is, again, entirely non-responsive. Defendants have reviewed the relevant bank records and found that there is no evidence that there was ever a transfer made from the debtor's account on the day specified in the Request. Indeed, Trustee even acknowledges this discrepancy in its response, but *still refuses to provide* a direct answer to the simple question in the Request. This is yet another example of Trustee's inability to provide straightforward answers to basic

¹² Because Trustee responded identically to 4 other requests as it did to Request Nos. 7-9 set out in this stipulation, the Parties have only included 3 examples for efficiency and length purposes. Defendants also seek to move to compel as to Request Nos. 10-13. Copies of Trustee's Responses to Defendants' Requests for Admission, which include the Requests themselves, are attached hereto for the Court's reference.

1 requests for pertinent and necessary information.

2 Additionally, Trustee's response that it will "examin[e] this payment" and "will supplement its
3 response" at some future unspecified date is untenable. *Herrera*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 227150, at *7
4 ("[T]he response that 'discovery is ongoing' is evasive and incomplete and, hence, 'must be treated as a
5 failure to . . . respond.'"). Trustee has had ample time to understand which facts support its allegations,
6 particularly those that relate to specific monetary transfers; indeed, Trustee has amended its Complaint in
7 this action three times. It is inconceivable that Trustee cannot answer what payments it did and did not
8 make when its entire claim for damages is based on payments it allegedly made. Trustee should be
9 ordered to immediately supplement its response to Request for Admission No. 17 to provide a full and
10 substantive answer.

11 **TRUSTEE'S POSITION:**

12 The Trustee will not hesitate to agree if it determines that the identified payment of \$11,853.34 is
13 determined to not actually have been made. The accounting records reviewed by the Trustee included the
14 payment, and while the bank statements in the Trustee's possession do not show the payment in question,
15 the debtor's documents received by the Trustee do not include a complete set of bank statements from
16 CIT. In addition, the Trustee does not have access to the former accounting staff of CTG and has not yet
17 taken discovery from them. Accordingly, the Trustee does not feel that it has sufficient information to
18 deny the payment at this time though it expects that the results of will allow it to be able to confirm or
19 deny this payment in the future.

20 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 18:**

21 Admit CTG did not make a payment of \$1,580.44 on 10/22/15 to CIT BANK, N.A.

22 **RESPONSE:**

23 Trustee admits that this payment does not appear on bank statements; however Trust is examining
24 this payment in its books and records and will supplement its response to this Request.

25 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:**

26 Defendants incorporate their position as to Request for Admission No. 17.

27 **TRUSTEE'S POSITION:**

28 Plaintiff incorporates its position as to Request for Admission No. 17.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 19:¹³

Admit CTG did not make a payment of \$9,815.49 on 12/9/15 to CIT BANK, N.A.

RESPONSE:

Trustee admits that this payment does not appear on bank statements; however Trust is examining this payment in its books and records and will supplement its response to this Request.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

Defendants incorporate their position as to Request for Admission No. 17.

TRUSTEE'S POSITION:

Plaintiff incorporates its position as to Request for Admission No. 17.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 35:

Admit that CTG used \$376,000 of proceeds from the sale of ADVANCED MATERIALS to make its rent payments.

RESPONSE:

Denied as stated upon information and belief. Notwithstanding this denial, Trustee has requested closing documents to confirm if rent payments were made from proceeds of the sale.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

Trustee's response to Request for Admission No. 35 is wholly disingenuous and without merit. Trustee is well aware of exactly which funds CTG used to pay its own rent, and has these documents in its possession, custody, and control. Thus, Trustee has not, in fact, answered based upon its information and belief, and must amend its response. Indeed, even if Trustee was not aware of what funds it used to make its rent payments, its response is still insufficient as it provides no date or timeframe as to when it will obtain the closing documents it needs to provide an adequate response.

TRUSTEE'S POSITION:

The debtor's records received by the Trustee did not include the closing documents from the sale

¹³ Because Trustee responded identically to 10 other requests as it did to Request Nos. 17-19 set out in this stipulation, the Parties have only included 3 examples for efficiency and length purposes. Defendants also seek to move to compel as to Request Nos. 20-29. Copies of Trustee's Responses to Defendants' Requests for Admission, which include the Requests themselves, are attached hereto for the Court's reference.

1 of Advanced Materials. The Trustee has requested the closing documents from Defendant Advanced
2 Materials, and production by the Defendant is ongoing. Presumably, the Blue Wolf Defendants have
3 these documents as well, but for whatever reason they have not produced them in conjunction with their
4 disclosures. If the Blue Wolf Defendants would provide their set of closing document promptly, then
5 Plaintiff could review and revisit the answer above.

6 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 37:**

7 Admit that CTG and ADVANCED MATERIALS filed consolidated tax returns.

8 **RESPONSE:**

9 Denied as stated.

10 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:**

11 Trustee has failed to "specifically deny the matter," and thus the response must be considered an
12 admission. *See Ameripride Servs. v. Valley Indus. Servs.*, No. CIV 2:00-cv-0113-LKK-JFM, 2011 U.S.
13 Dist. LEXIS 39408, at *11-12 (E.D. Cal. April 1, 2011) (granting plaintiff's motion to compel amended
14 responses to its Requests for Admissions and stating "[i]t is also clear that an evasive denial, one that
15 does not 'specifically deny the matter,' or a response that does not set forth 'in detail' the reasons why
16 the answering party cannot truthfully admit or deny the matter, may be deemed an admission."). Thus,
17 Trustee should be ordered to supplement its response to specify facts and details surrounding its denial or
18 the request should be deemed admitted.

19 **TRUSTEE'S POSITION:**

20 While the Trustee has not yet received all of the tax returns filed for the alter-ego entities, it is the
21 understanding of the Trustee that this admission is not accurate. It is the Trustee's understanding that one
22 of the Blue Wolf Entities, BWP, filed tax returns that consolidated wholly owned subsidiaries including
23 both CTG and Advanced Materials. Accordingly, neither CTG nor Advanced Materials filed or had any
24 obligation to file any tax returns; only BWP had an obligation or did file a tax return for the group of
25 alter-ego entities including CTG and Advanced Materials.

26 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 40:**

27 Admit that \$6,901,369.25 of payments of CTG's loan from Gladstone Investment Corp. were
28 made before ADVANCED MATERIALS was acquired.

RESPONSE:

Trustee objects to this Request as vague and ambiguous as to the time period this Request covers. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objection, Trustee invites the Blue Wolf Entities to discuss the parameters of this Request and may amend or supplement its response accordingly.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

Trustee asserts pithy boilerplate objections, objecting to this request as “vague and ambiguous” without any further explanation. Such boilerplate objections are improper. *A. Farber & Partners Inc.*, 234 F.R.D. 186, 188 (C.D. Cal. 2006) (“[G]eneral or boilerplate objections such as ‘overly burdensome and harassing’ are improper – especially when a party fails to submit any evidentiary declarations supporting such objections.”); *Herrera*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 227150, at *7 (“Plaintiff’s boilerplate objections are improper and, therefore, overruled.”); *Menell v. Rialto Unified School District, et al.*, No. EDCV 15-2124-VAP (KKx), 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 80107, at *10 (C.D. Cal. June 20, 2016) (finding “boilerplate relevance and vagueness objections to each interrogatory are improper and not well taken” and granting motion to compel); *Reisdorf v. Skechers U.S.A., Inc.*, No. CV 10-7181 DDP (SSx), 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 200627, at *31-32 (C.D. Cal. Sept. 9, 2013) (“Courts have found that the assertion of boilerplate objections [...] is tantamount to interposing no objections at all.”); *Duran v. Cisco Sys., Inc.*, 258 F.R.D. 375, 379 (C.D. Cal. 2009) (“[U]nexplained and unsupported boilerplate objections are improper.”).

Additionally, the objections are without merit as the Request does indeed specify the time period during which it is inquiring- the time period before Advanced Materials was acquired. There is nothing “vague” or “ambiguous” about this time period, and Trustee’s objections are clearly meant to distract from the fact that it refuses to comply with its discovery obligations and admit that its loan payments were not made with funds used in the acquisition of Advanced Materials. Indeed, in Paragraph 35 of Complaint, the Trustee alleges that Advanced Materials assets were acquired in October 2013. Such avoidance and gamesmanship cannot be tolerated, and thus Trustee must be ordered to adequately and fully respond to this Request.

TRUSTEE'S POSITION:

The Second Amended Complaint lists certain payments made to Gladstone and the dates of those

1 payments. The Trustee could not reconcile the number in the requested admission with its schedule.
2 Accordingly, Plaintiff invited Defendants to confer about this request. While the parties have conferred
3 extensively about these requests, Defendants have not clarified this request for Plaintiffs so that the
4 numbers can be reconciled. Plaintiff has submitted discovery requests to Gladstone that would encompass
5 all payments made, but documents have not yet been provided at this time by Gladstone. In sum, the
6 Plaintiff is happy to reach a stipulation or admission regarding payments made to Gladstone before the
7 acquisition of HC Materials, but the Trustee cannot reconcile “\$6,901,369.25” with the payments listed in
8 its schedule, and the Blue Wolf Defendants have not been forthcoming about the details of that calculation
9 to enable Plaintiff to do so.

10 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 42:**

11 Admit that McDermott & Emery LLP provided legal services to CTG.

12 **RESPONSE:**

13 Trustee denies this Request to the extent the Request relies upon bills to CTG to identify which
14 legal services were provided to CTG. Trustee believes that the majority of the services billed to CTG
15 were for services provided to Blue Wolf Piezo or Advanced Materials. Because discovery is ongoing,
16 Trustee reserves the right to amend and/or supplement this response.

17 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES’ POSITION:**

18 Trustee has provided absolutely no details or evidence to support its contention that the “majority
19 of services billed to CTG were for services provided to Blue Wolf Piezo or Advanced Materials.”
20 Indeed, without further explanation or information to support this claim, Trustee’s response is essentially
21 a made-up scenario that it is using to avoid responding adequately to this Request. Additionally,
22 Trustee’s response that it cannot adequately respond because “discovery is ongoing” is untenable.
23 *Herrera v. PNC Bank, N.A.*, No. EDCV 18-144-JFW (KKx), 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 227150, at *7 (C.D.
24 Cal. July 26, 2018) (“[T]he response that ‘discovery is ongoing’ is evasive and incomplete and, hence,
25 ‘must be treated as a failure to . . . respond.’”). Trustee has had ample time to understand which facts
26 support its allegations; indeed, Trustee has amended its Complaint in this action three times. It is
27 inconceivable that Trustee cannot answer whether certain legal services were provided to CTG when it is
28 representing the interests of CTG, and when the bills and invoices so clearly reflect that such legal

1 services were indeed provided to CTG. Again, Trustee cannot even respond to a simple Request with a
2 straightforward answer despite the documentation that clearly proves that this Request must be admitted.
3 Thus, Trustee should be ordered to immediately supplement and amend its response to Request for
4 Admission No. 42.

5 **TRUSTEE’S POSITION:**

6 The Trustee has produced McDermott & Emery LLP billing records to the Blue Wolf Defendants—
7 more than once. While those billing records may not be sufficient without additional discovery to determine
8 the final allocation of the benefit for these services, it appears to the Trustee that the majority of the work
9 was done for the benefit of the Blue Wolf Entities.

10 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 43:**

11 Admit that Dorsey & Whitney LLP provided legal services to CTG.

12 **RESPONSE:**

13 Trustee denies this Request to the extent the Request relies upon bills to CTG to identify which
14 legal services were provided to CTG. Trustee believes that the majority of the services billed to CTG
15 were for services provided to Blue Wolf Piezo or Advanced Materials. Because discovery is ongoing,
16 Trustee reserves the right to amend and/or supplement this response.

17 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES’ POSITION:**

18 Defendants incorporate their position as to Request for Admission No. 42.

19 **TRUSTEE’S POSITION:**

20 The Trustee has produced Dorsey & Whitney LLP’s billing records to the Blue Wolf Defendants—
21 more than once. While those billing records may not be sufficient without additional discovery to determine
22 the final allocation of the benefit for these services, it appears to the Trustee that the majority of the work
23 was done for the benefit of the Blue Wolf Entities. For example, the correspondence from a Dorsey
24 Attorney to the Federal Government—attached to the Second Amended Complaint—explicitly identifies
25 CTGAM as a subsidiary of CTG in an effort to use CTG’s security clearance for CTGAM.

26 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 44:**

27 Admit that none of “CTG’s cash” was used to pay for the acquisition of ADVANCED
28 MATERIALS, as alleged in paragraph 35 of the COMPLAINT.

RESPONSE:

Denied as stated.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

Trustee has failed to “specifically deny the matter,” and thus the response must be considered an admission. *See Ameripride Servs. v. Valley Indus. Servs.*, No. CIV 2:00-cv-0113-LKK-JFM, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 39408, at *11-12 (E.D. Cal. April 1, 2011) (granting plaintiff’s motion to compel amended responses to its Requests for Admissions and stating “[i]t is also clear that an evasive denial, one that does not ‘specifically deny the matter,’ or a response that does not set forth ‘in detail’ the reasons why the answering party cannot truthfully admit or deny the matter, may be deemed an admission.”). Thus, Trustee should be ordered to supplement its response to specify facts and details surrounding its denial or the request should be deemed admitted.

TRUSTEE’S POSITION:

CTG paid for ancillary services related to that acquisition and—more significantly—the assets and credit of CTG were used to obtain the loan from CIT that funded the acquisition. Subsequently, CTG funds were used to make repayments of that acquisition loan as well. Accordingly, the admission is properly denied. If the intent was simply to ask whether cash was taken from CTG’s operating funds to purchase HC Materials, then the Trustee could admit that more narrow admission.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 45:

Admit that in computing the transfers listed in Schedule B of the COMPLAINT, YOU included duplicate transfers totaling \$5,834,527.96.

RESPONSE:

Denied as stated. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to amend and/or supplement this response.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

Trustee has failed to “specifically deny the matter,” and thus the response must be considered an admission. *See Ameripride Servs. v. Valley Indus. Servs.*, No. CIV 2:00-cv-0113-LKK-JFM, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 39408, at *11-12 (E.D. Cal. April 1, 2011) (granting plaintiff’s motion to compel amended

1 responses to its Requests for Admissions and stating “[i]t is also clear that an evasive denial, one that
2 does not ‘specifically deny the matter,’ or a response that does not set forth ‘in detail’ the reasons why
3 the answering party cannot truthfully admit or deny the matter, may be deemed an admission.”). Thus,
4 Trustee should be ordered to supplement its response to specify facts and details surrounding its denial or
5 the request should be deemed admitted.

6 Additionally, Trustee’s response that it cannot adequately respond because “discovery is
7 ongoing” is untenable. *Herrera v. PNC Bank, N.A.*, No. EDCV 18-144-JFW (KKx), 2018 U.S. Dist.
8 LEXIS 227150, at *7 (C.D. Cal. July 26, 2018) (“[T]he response that ‘discovery is ongoing’ is evasive
9 and incomplete and, hence, ‘must be treated as a failure to . . . respond.’”). Trustee has had ample time to
10 understand which facts support its allegations; indeed, Trustee has amended its Complaint in this action
11 three times. It is inconceivable that Trustee cannot answer whether it included a duplicate transfer in its
12 *own computation of Schedule B that it prepared*. An adequate response to this Request only requires
13 Trustee to examine the document *it prepared*- no other “discovery” or investigation is necessary. Again,
14 Trustee cannot even respond to a simple Request with a straightforward answer despite the
15 documentation that clearly proves that this Request must be admitted. Thus, Trustee should be ordered to
16 immediately supplement and amend its response to Request for Admission No. 45.

17 **TRUSTEE’S POSITION:**

18 The Trustee will not hesitate to agree if it determines that any payment listed in the schedule is a
19 duplicate. The accounting records reviewed by the Trustee included the payments listed in the schedules,
20 and as noted above, the debtor’s documents received by the Trustee do not include a complete set of bank
21 statements from CIT. In addition, the Trustee does not have access to the former accounting staff of CTG
22 and has not yet taken discovery from them. Finally, the Defendants have not provided a methodology for
23 their total in this admission, just a lump-sum. Accordingly, the Trustee does not feel that it has sufficient
24 information to admit that certain payments are duplicates at this time though it expects that the results of
25 discovery will allow it to be able to confirm or deny each identified duplicate in the future.

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27 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 46:**

28 Admit that in computing the transfers listed in Schedule B of the COMPLAINT, YOU included a

1 duplicate transfer of \$105,877.54 on 8/28/14.

2 **RESPONSE:**

3 Denied as stated. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to amend and/or
4 supplement this response.

5 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:**

6 Defendants incorporate their position as to Request for Admission No. 45.

7 **TRUSTEE'S POSITION:**

8 The Trustee will not hesitate to agree if it determines that the identified payment of \$105,877.54
9 is determined to not actually have been made. The accounting records reviewed by the Trustee included
10 the payment. As noted above, the debtor's documents received by the Trustee do not include a complete
11 set of bank statements from CIT. In addition, the Trustee does not have access to the former accounting
12 staff of CTG and has not yet taken discovery from them. Accordingly, the Trustee does not feel that it has
13 sufficient information to deny the payment at this time though it expects that the results of discovery will
14 allow it to be able to confirm or deny this payment in the future.

15 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 47:**¹⁴

16 Admit that in computing the transfers listed in Schedule B of the COMPLAINT, YOU included a
17 duplicate transfer of \$111,684.22 on 10/31/14.

18 **RESPONSE:**

19 Denied as stated. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to amend and/or
20 supplement this response.

21 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:**

22 Defendants incorporate their position as to Request for Admission No. 45.

23 **TRUSTEE'S POSITION:**

24 _____
25 ¹⁴ Because Trustee responded identically to 10 other requests as it did to Request Nos. 45-47 set out in
26 this stipulation, the Parties have only included 3 examples for efficiency and length purposes. Defendants
27 also seek to move to compel as to Request Nos. 48-57. Copies of Trustee's Responses to Defendants'
28 Requests for Admission, which include the Requests themselves, are attached hereto for the Court's
reference. The Trustee objects to a footnote regarding requests that are not included though it has no
objection to getting guidance from the Court regarding general positions and working with Defendants to
resolve any other similar requests.

1 The Trustee will not hesitate to agree if it determines that the identified payment of \$111,684.22 is
2 determined to not actually have been made. The accounting records reviewed by the Trustee included the
3 payment. As noted above, the debtor's documents received by the Trustee do not include a complete set of
4 bank statements from CIT. In addition, the Trustee does not have access to the former accounting staff of
5 CTG and has not yet taken discovery from them. Accordingly, the Trustee does not feel that it has sufficient
6 information to deny the payment at this time though it expects that the results of discovery will allow it to
7 be able to confirm or deny this payment in the future.

8 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 58:**

9 Admit that ADVANCED MATERIALS' business office was located in Bowling Brook, Illinois.

10 **RESPONSE:**

11 Trustee objects that this Request is vague and ambiguous as to the term "business office." Trustee
12 further objects to this Request as vague and ambiguous as to the location "Bowling Brook, Illinois."
13 Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, denied as stated.

14 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:**

15 Trustee's response to Request No. 58 is another example of its refusal to provide basic answers to
16 basic questions. Trustee responds by stating that the term "business office" is "vague and ambiguous."
17 However, in its response to Request No. 59, which asked Trustee to admit that "CTG's business office was
18 located in Santa Barbara, California," and is on the *same page* as its response to Request No. 58, Trustee
19 readily admits with no qualification, showing that it does not actually find the phrase "business office" to
20 be vague or ambiguous. It is blatantly clear that Trustee is picking and choosing which Requests it wants
21 to dispute and which Requests it wants to answer, not based on valid objections, but based on what it
22 believes will support it in its claims against Defendants. Such tactics cannot be permitted in discovery, and
23 Trustee must be ordered to amend its responses to properly answer Defendants' Requests.

24 **TRUSTEE'S POSITION:**

25 The Blue Wolf Defendants apparently want to litigate their case through argumentative admissions.
26 They misstate the Trustee's position. The Trustee does not deny that CTGAM had a facility in Illinois. It
27 even had a controller in Illinois and other employees. The CEO for CTGAM had his office in Santa
28 Barbara. The CFO for CTGAM had his office in Santa Barbara. In other words, the CTGAM

1 administrators in Illinois reported to the CTG staff in the Santa Barbara office of CTG. So it is not accurate
2 to say that the “business office” of CTGAM was located solely in Illinois.

3 The same is not true for CTG, as Defendants try to imply, because CTG’s executives were all
4 located in Santa Barbara. Other subsidiaries and controlled-entities, such as CTGAM, EOI and MSI
5 reported to Santa Barbara, but CTG did not maintain offices elsewhere. Accordingly, there is no dispute
6 where CTG’s business office was located. That is not the case for CTGAM.

7 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 62:**

8 Admit that invoices sent to CTG’s customers referenced CTG and did not reference ADVANCED
9 MATERIALS.

10 **RESPONSE:**

11 Plaintiff is without sufficient information to respond at this time to answer this request because it
12 does not have access to a list of all of the customers of CTG-Advanced Materials. Because discovery is
13 ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to amend and/or supplement this response.

14 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES’ POSITION:**

15 At bottom, Trustee’s response makes absolutely no sense. The Request requires Trustee to look to
16 the invoices CTG sent to its customers; no part of the Request, and no interpretation of the Request,
17 requires Trustee to acquire or review “a list of all the customers of CTG-Advanced Materials.” Trustee’s
18 response again only demonstrates its gamesmanship and obtrusive tactics to avoid complying with its
19 discovery obligations.

20 Additionally, Trustee’s response that it cannot adequately respond because “discovery is
21 ongoing” is untenable. *Herrera v. PNC Bank, N.A.*, No. EDCV 18-144-JFW (KKx), 2018 U.S. Dist.
22 LEXIS 227150, at *7 (C.D. Cal. July 26, 2018) (“[T]he response that ‘discovery is ongoing’ is evasive
23 and incomplete and, hence, ‘must be treated as a failure to . . . respond.’”). Trustee has had ample time to
24 understand which facts support its allegations; indeed, Trustee has amended its Complaint in this action
25 three times. It is inconceivable that Trustee cannot answer whether CTG’s *own invoices* reference
26 Advanced Materials. An adequate response to this Request only requires Trustee to examine *its own*
27 *invoices*- no other “discovery” or investigation is necessary. Again, Trustee cannot even respond to a
28 simple Request with a straightforward answer despite the documentation in its possession that clearly

1 proves that this Request must be admitted. Thus, Trustee should be ordered to immediately supplement
2 and amend its response to Request for Admission No. 62

3 **TRUSTEE’S POSITION:**

4 The Trustee does not have access to all of CTGAM’s customers or invoices to know whether there
5 were overlapping customers of both that received separate invoices or combined invoices. The Trustee just
6 does not have this knowledge or sufficient records to say so at this point in time.

7 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 64:**

8 Admit that no customer of CTG has claimed that it understood it was conducting business with
9 ADVANCED MATERIALS.

10 **RESPONSE:**

11 Trustee objects to this Request as the term “customer” is not defined rendering the request vague
12 and ambiguous. The Request is also overbroad, vague, beyond the scope of issues in dispute in this
13 lawsuit, and unduly burdensome in that it makes a request as to any or “no” “customer.” Subject to and
14 without waiver of the foregoing objections, the Trustee is without sufficient information to admit or deny
15 facts not within its knowledge.

16 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES’ POSITION:**

17 Trustee asserts pithy boilerplate objections, objecting to this request as “vague and ambiguous,”
18 “overbroad,” “beyond the scope of issues in dispute in this lawsuit,” and “unduly burdensome” without
19 any further explanation. Such boilerplate objections are improper. *A. Farber & Partners Inc.*, 234 F.R.D.
20 186, 188 (C.D. Cal. 2006) (“[G]eneral or boilerplate objections such as ‘overly burdensome and
21 harassing’ are improper – especially when a party fails to submit any evidentiary declarations supporting
22 such objections.”); *Herrera*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 227150, at *7 (“Plaintiff’s boilerplate objections are
23 improper and, therefore, overruled.”); *Menell v. Rialto Unified School District, et al.*, No. EDCV 15-
24 2124-VAP (KKx), 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 80107, at *10 (C.D. Cal. June 20, 2016) (finding “boilerplate
25 relevance and vagueness objections to each interrogatory are improper and not well taken” and granting
26 motion to compel); *Reisdorf v. Skechers U.S.A., Inc.*, No. CV 10-7181 DDP (SSx), 2013 U.S. Dist.
27 LEXIS 200627, at *31-32 (C.D. Cal. Sept. 9, 2013) (“Courts have found that the assertion of boilerplate
28 objections [...] is tantamount to interposing no objections at all.”); *Duran v. Cisco Sys., Inc.*, 258 F.R.D.

375, 379 (C.D. Cal. 2009) (“[U]nexplained and unsupported boilerplate objections are improper.”).

Additionally, the objections are without merit as the word “customer” is by no stretch “vague or ambiguous,” and Trustee’s objections are clearly meant to distract from the fact that it refuses to comply with its discovery obligations and admit that none of its customers were under the impression that they were doing business with Advanced Materials rather than CTG. “When the purpose and significance of a request are reasonably clear, courts do not permit denials based on an overly-technical reading of the request.” *Holmgren v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 976 F.2d 573, 580 (9th Cir. 1992) (“Epistemological doubts speak highly of (party’s) philosophical sophistication, but poorly of its respect for Rule 36(a).”). Trustee’s objection to the word “customer” is not only an “overly-technical reading of the request,” but is clearly disingenuous as Trustee uses the word “customer” in its Complaint and in the exhibits attached to its Complaint. Such avoidance and gamesmanship cannot be tolerated, and thus Trustee must be ordered to adequately and fully respond to this Request.

TRUSTEE’S POSITION:

The Trustee has no way to verify that each and every former customer of the debtor did or did not complain. And the Trustee is under no obligation to conduct this onerous third-party survey in response to this admission.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 67:

Admit that CTG and ADVANCED MATERIALS had separate bank accounts.

RESPONSE:

Admitted to the extent that each entity had some accounts in its own name, but denied that the entities maintained separate accounts because money was transferred back and forth between the various accounts of the entities.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES’ POSITION:

Trustee’s quasi-response is clearly meant to distract from the fact that it refuses to comply with its discovery obligations and admit that no alter ego factor can be satisfied. “When the purpose and significance of a request are reasonably clear, courts do not permit denials based on an overly-technical reading of the request.” *Holmgren v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 976 F.2d 573, 580 (9th Cir. 1992) (“Epistemological doubts speak highly of (party’s) philosophical sophistication, but poorly of its respect

1 for Rule 36(a).”). Trustee’s interpretation of the phrase “separate bank accounts” is not only an “overly-
2 technical reading of the request,” but is clearly an attempt to avoid the clear “purpose and significance”
3 of the Request as “separate bank accounts” can only mean that “each entity had [] accounts in its own
4 name,” and not whether funds were transferred between the accounts every now and then. The fact that
5 there were inter-company transfers, which are certainly not uncommon as between corporate affiliates,
6 does not in any way result in a conclusion that the accounts were not separate. Such avoidance and
7 gamesmanship cannot be tolerated, and thus Trustee must be ordered to adequately and fully respond to
8 this Request.

9 **TRUSTEE’S POSITION:**

10 The Blue Wolf Defendants admit that millions of dollars flowed back and forth between the
11 accounts of CTG and CTGAM during the relevant period. It even claims that CTGAM transferred money
12 to CTG to make some of the payments on the loan to acquire CTGAM. Loan proceeds flowed into CTG’s
13 accounts for the benefit of CTGAM, CTG and BWP of the Blue Wolf Entities. BWP did not even have its
14 own account and used CTG’s accounts and money as its own. Accordingly, the Trustee does not agree with
15 the characterization that the entities had separate accounts. The Trustee is happy to answer a proper
16 admission for the fact that CTGAM had accounts with a bank in its own name. That factual question is not
17 the admission submitted.

18 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 68:**

19 Admit that CTG and ADVANCED MATERIALS had separate books and records.

20 **RESPONSE:**

21 Trustee objects that this Request is vague and ambiguous as to the term “books and record.”
22 Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, denied as stated.

23 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES’ POSITION:**

24 Trustee asserts pithy boilerplate objections, objecting to this request as “vague and ambiguous”
25 without any further explanation. Such boilerplate objections are improper. *A. Farber & Partners Inc.*,
26 234 F.R.D. 186, 188 (C.D. Cal. 2006) (“[G]eneral or boilerplate objections such as ‘overly burdensome
27 and harassing’ are improper – especially when a party fails to submit any evidentiary declarations
28 supporting such objections.”); *Herrera*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 227150, at *7 (“Plaintiff’s boilerplate

1 objections are improper and, therefore, overruled.”); *Menell v. Rialto Unified School District, et al.*, No.
2 EDCV 15-2124-VAP (KKx), 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 80107, at *10 (C.D. Cal. June 20, 2016) (finding
3 “boilerplate relevance and vagueness objections to each interrogatory are improper and not well taken”
4 and granting motion to compel); *Reisdorf v. Skechers U.S.A., Inc.*, No. CV 10-7181 DDP (SSx), 2013
5 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 200627, at *31-32 (C.D. Cal. Sept. 9, 2013) (“Courts have found that the assertion of
6 boilerplate objections [...] is tantamount to interposing no objections at all.”); *Duran v. Cisco Sys., Inc.*,
7 258 F.R.D. 375, 379 (C.D. Cal. 2009) (“[U]nexplained and unsupported boilerplate objections are
8 improper.”).

9 Additionally, the objections are without merit as the phrase “books and records” is by no stretch
10 “vague or ambiguous,” and Trustee’s objections are clearly meant to distract from the fact that it refuses
11 to comply with its discovery obligations and admit that no alter ego factor can be satisfied. “When the
12 purpose and significance of a request are reasonably clear, courts do not permit denials based on an
13 overly-technical reading of the request.” *Holmgren v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 976 F.2d 573, 580
14 (9th Cir. 1992) (“Epistemological doubts speak highly of (party’s) philosophical sophistication, but
15 poorly of its respect for Rule 36(a).”). Trustee’s objection to the phrase “books and records” is not only
16 an “overly-technical reading of the request,” but is clearly disingenuous as the phrase is prevalent in the
17 exhibits attached to its Complaint. Such avoidance and gamesmanship cannot be tolerated, and thus
18 Trustee must be ordered to adequately and fully respond to this Request.

19 **TRUSTEE’S POSITION:**

20 Again, the Blue Wolf Defendants apparently want to litigate their case through argumentative
21 admissions. They misstate the Trustee’s position. The Trustee does not deny that CTGAM had a facility in
22 Illinois and a controller in Illinois. While the Trustee has not yet received a copy of those records from
23 Defendant Advanced Materials, there is little doubt that certain books and records at the time were in
24 Illinois and not in Santa Barbara. As noted, the CEO for CTGAM had his office in Santa Barbara and
25 would have had books and records related to his direct supervision of that entity with CTG. The CFO for
26 CTGAM had his office in Santa Barbara, including accounting records for the entire group of entities, so
27 those books and records were maintained by CTG. Reporting of accounting results was done by Santa
28 Barbara on a consolidated basis that included CTGAM. Again, those records were not separate. The tax

returns, as discussed, and other accounting “books records” were unquestionably maintained by CTG staff in the Santa Barbara office of CTG. It is simply a lie to say that the “books and records” of CTGAM and CTG were separate. The Trustee might be able to admit that certain “books and records” were separately maintained, but the Defendants did not define or specify a narrow set of records that the Trustee could honestly say were maintained separately.

V. INTERROGATORIES IN DISPUTE

INTERROGATORY NO. 1:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that “BW Piezo, CTG, and CTG Advanced Materials operated as alter egos of each other,” as alleged in paragraph 39 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks “all facts” that “BW Piezo, CTG, and CTG Advanced Materials operated as alter egos of each other. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds that the facts alleged in paragraph 39 of the SAC support Trustee’s contention that BW Piezo, CTG, and CTG Advanced Materials operated as alter egos of each other. Trustee further responds that the following facts support Trustee’s contention in paragraph 39:

1. The Blue Wolf Entities sent a “Confidential Information Memorandum” to proposed lenders, referring to CTG and HC Materials as the “Combined Company.” The Blue Wolf Entities further represented that CTG would acquire AM or be consolidated into AM.

2. CTG funds were used to pay for the liabilities and debts of CTG Advanced Materials and BW Piezo, including payroll. See Second Amended Complaint (“SAC”), Ex. 19 (1/26/16 email from L. Chen to C. Hanna); SAC, Ex. 20 (1/5/16 email from L. Chen to C. Hanna); SAC, Ex. 14 (2/17/16 email from C. Hanna to J. Hager).

3. CTG Advanced Materials funds were used to pay for the liabilities and debts of CTG, including accounts receivable. See SAC, Ex. 21 (12/2/15 email from L. Chen to C. Hanna).

4. Accounting between the two companies was commingled. For example, CTG Advanced Materials’ revenues were accounted for as part of CTG’s overall revenues. See SAC Ex. 22 (1/21/16 email from L. Chen to S. Hoyos).

1 5. CTG funds were transferred to BW Piezo to pay out CTG Advanced Materials bonuses and
2 legal expenses.

3 6. The liabilities of all BW Piezo subsidiaries were paid through CTG's operating account, and
4 BW Piezo did not have its own separate bank account. See SAC Ex. 23 (1/21/16 email from L. Chen to
5 A. Ortega).

6 7. CTG expenses were accrued between CTG and BW Piezo. See SAC Ex. 24 (1/15/16 email
7 from L. Chen to C. Hanna).

8 8. Legal expenses incurred in relation to CTG matters were charged to BW Piezo's general
9 liabilities. See SAC Ex. 27 (1/12/16 email from L. Chen to C. Hanna).

10 9. BW Piezo would pay for certain CTG-related expenses directly and then seek reimbursement
11 from CTG. See SAC Ex. 25 (2/2/16 email from L. Chen to D. Oldham).

12 10. CTG's "cash flow" position was forecasted to include the "cash flow" position of CTG
13 Advanced Materials.

14 11. CTG incurred BW Piezo's legal, tax, and other service expenses. See Ex. SAC 26 (3/8/16
15 email from C. Hanna to A. Ortega)

16 12. BW Piezo owned all of the equity of CTG and AM.

17 13. BW Piezo did not have its own physical location and held board meeting at the offices of
18 CTG. See SAC Ex. 10 (attachment to 2/5/16 email from L. Chen to K. Carrington).

19 14. AM's CEO and CFO were located in CTG's offices, and AM's officers reported to CTG's
20 officers.

21 15. The Blue Wolf Entities and CTG represented to third party entities that AM was a subsidiary
22 of CTG. See SAC, Ex. 17 (Presentation structuring AM as subsidiary of CTG).

23 16. The Blue Wolf Entities, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Narulla issued press releases and
24 represented to the public that CTG had acquired H.C. Materials. See SAC, Ex. 8 (October 15, 2013
25 Press Release).

26 17. CTG's corporate documents and communications with auditors represented CTG Advanced
27 Materials as a "division" of CTG. See Ex. SAC 28 (pdf attachment to 12/26/15 email from L. Chen to D.
28 Ligon); Ex. 29 (attachment to 1/19/16 email from L. Chen to J. Cherry).

1 18. CTG Advanced Materials was represented in government submissions as being a subsidiary
2 of CTG. See SAC Ex. 9 (Dorsey Whitney letter).

3 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:**

4 As detailed in the introduction above, Defendants take issue with the sufficiency of Trustee's
5 interrogatory responses in that the responses largely constitute a recitation of conclusory arguments from
6 the complaint and are almost wholly devoid of the specific facts demanded in the interrogatories. In
7 amending the response to Interrogatory No. 1, Trustee only struck the phrase "among others" and struck
8 the direction to Defendants to search through the ESI themselves. But the fundamental absence of facts
9 remains. In the list of supporting "facts", Trustee makes conclusory statements from the complaint, such
10 as: *CTG funds were used to pay for the liabilities and debts of CTG Advanced Materials and BW Piezo,*
11 *including payroll*"; *"CTG Advanced Materials funds were used to pay for the liabilities and debts of*
12 *CTG, including accounts receivable."*; *"Accounting between the two companies was commingled. For*
13 *example, CTG Advanced Materials' revenues were accounted for as part of CTG's overall revenues."*;
14 *"CTG funds were transferred to BW Piezo to pay out CTG Advanced Materials bonuses and legal*
15 *expenses"*; and numerous other such conclusory statements, each followed by perhaps one or two
16 references to particular emails without any recitation of the facts those emails supposedly contain.
17 Defendants are still left to guess at the specifics of which payments or transfers Trustee seeks to avoid
18 and how they were wrongful. These responses do not provide a recitation of the evidence Trustee intends
19 to use to support its claim.

20 Trustee is aware of the facts that respond to the Interrogatory, and must include them in its
21 response. See *Trueman v. N.Y. State Canal Corp.*, No. 1:09-CV-049 (LEK/RFT), 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS
22 16430, at *8 (N.D.N.Y. Feb. 24, 2010) ("In order for an answer to be adequate it must be
23 a complete response to the interrogatory, specific as possible and not evasive."); see also *In re*
24 *Savitt/Adler Litig.*, 176 F.R.D. 44, 50 (N.D.N.Y. 1997) (holding that where an interrogatory requests that
25 the responding party "state all facts supporting the contentions of the complaints," "[t]hose facts can and
26 should be specifically and fully stated.").

27 **TRUSTEE'S POSITION:**

28 Trustee has served its First Amended Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Entities'

1 First Set of Interrogatories addressing the Blue Wolf Entities’ issue with the phrase “among others.”
2 Moreover, the Trustee has answered Interrogatory No. 1 fully and to the best of its ability at this time. The
3 Court has not entered a scheduling order nor have the parties agreed upon discovery deadline dates. While
4 the Trustee has identified all relevant facts within Trustee’s knowledge at this time—and has included 29
5 exhibits to its Second Amended Complaint in support thereof—discovery has just begun in this case and
6 Trustee will may uncover additional facts upon receiving documents from the Blue Wolf Entities. The Blue
7 Wolf Entities directed, controlled, operated, and managed CTG and that the Blue Wolf Entities likely
8 possess the relevant documents that will additionally support Trustee’s claims. The Blue Wolf Entities
9 have not produced any documents in this litigation or the state court action and the Trustee is still in the
10 process of receiving discovery responses from Defendants.

11 The Defendants acknowledge that Trustee has identified facts “each followed by perhaps one or
12 two references to particular emails,” yet Defendants still incredulously complain that Trustee’s facts are
13 “conclusory” and deficient. Defendants’ issue is not that Trustee has provided evasive or deficient answers;
14 rather, Defendants seek different answers. At bottom, the Trustee has sworn to and verified the facts in
15 answering this interrogatory fully.

16 **INTERROGATORY NO. 2:**

17 State all facts supporting YOUR contention that “Throughout 2014 and 2015, CTG struggled to
18 balance its finances,” as alleged in paragraph 40 of the COMPLAINT.

19 **ANSWER:**

20 Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks
21 “all facts” relating to paragraph 40 of the SAC. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general
22 and specific objections, Trustee responds as follows:

- 23 1. After acquiring the Debtor, the Debtor’s management, under BW Partners’ control,
24 decided to acquire H.C. Materials, Inc.
- 25 2. Instead of having CTG purchase H.C. Materials’ assets directly, BW Partners,
26 acting through BW Piezo, decided to create a new entity to hold the assets: CTG Advanced Materials.
- 27 3. In October of 2013, BW Partners, acting through BW Piezo, forced the Debtor and its
28 subsidiary to join BW Piezo and AM as borrowers.

1 4. BW Partners, acting through BW Piezo forced the Debtor to enter into separate loan and
2 investment agreements (the “Loan and Investment Agreements”) with Fidus Investment Corporation,
3 Fidus Mezzanine Capital II, L.P., Avante Mezzanine Partners SBIC, LP, and Avante Mezzanine Partners
4 II, Inc. (collectively, the “Mezzanine Lenders”)

5 5. The terms of the Loan and Investment Agreements were onerous to the Debtor.

6 6. In exchange for (1) a security interest in all of the Debtor’s and Electro- Optical
7 Industries, LLC’s assets (a subsidiary of the Debtor), and (2) equity in BW Partners’s shell company and
8 the Debtor’s “owner”—BW Piezo—the Mezzanine Lenders lent BW Partners, BW Piezo, and the
9 Debtor \$14,000,000 to purchase H.C. Materials’s assets.

10 7. BW Partners, acting through its executive management team and BW Piezo forced the
11 Debtor to use its assets to make payments to the Mezzanine Lenders and to CIT Bank, N.A. pursuant
12 to the loan agreements, for the benefit of AM—which Debtor did not own.

13 8. BW Piezo, the Debtor, and AM operated as alter egos of each other, and the three entities
14 regularly comingled funds and assets.

15 9. Blue Wolf Capital Partners, acting through its executive management team and BW Piezo,
16 indiscriminately directed CTG to transfer funds to pay for BW Piezo’s and CTG Advanced Materials’s
17 liabilities, including payroll, professional services, and legal bills, and vice versa benefitting those
18 entities, as well as BW Partners and its shell companies and the Mezzanine Lenders by virtue of their
19 equity interest in BW Piezo.

20 10. From December 20, 2013 to December 31, 2015, CTG made regular payments to Fidus
21 Investment Corporation and Fidus Mezzanine Capital II, L.P. totaling \$1,959,987.31.

22 11. From December 19, 2013 to February 18, 2016, CTG made regular payments to Avante
23 Mezzanine Partners SBIC, LP and Avante Mezzanine Partners II, Inc. totaling \$1,957,300.44.

24 12. CTG was unable to pay debts as they became due to the onerous loan payments and loan
25 conditions placed upon CTG, coupled with CTG supporting BW Piezo and CTG Advanced Materials.

26 13. By October of 2015, BW Piezo board minutes indicate that CTG was in poor financial
27 shape and was walking a “tightrope.” *See* SAC Ex. 10 (attachment to 2/5/16 email from L. Chen to K.
28 Carrington). In fact, by this same time, BW Piezo was already contemplating the sale of CTG Advanced

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2 [Advanced Materials] . . . to improve the value before exit” at the expense of CTG. *See* SAC Ex. 10
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4 14. By January 2016, CTG was instructing CTG Advanced Materials that: “we do need you to
5 stretch your payments out to suppliers as much as possible...[a]s you know we [i.e., CTG] are managing
6 our cash very tightly and will need [Advanced Materials] to slow down the outflows as well.” *See* SAC
7 Ex. 11 (1/27/16 email from L. Chen to S. Hoyos). Because CTG Advanced Materials was dependent on
8 CTG’s support, Blue Wolf Capital Partners made this request to delay CTG from running out of funds
9 and being forced to file for bankruptcy prior to the sale of CTG Advanced Materials.

10 15. Unsurprisingly, then, by January 2016, CTG was insolvent and not making timely
11 payments to its vendors. Vendors were complaining to CTG of its late payments on invoiced billings and
12 failure to honor extended payment plans. *See* SAC Ex. 12 (1/22/16 mail from L. Chen to J. Rumsey).

13 16. By February 2016, CTG was lamenting its cash flow and insolvency, noting that forecasts
14 “do [] not look good.” *See* SAC Ex. 13 (2/9/16 email from S. Hoyos to L. Chen).

15 17. Also, by February 2016, CTG Advanced Materials could not even make its payroll
16 without borrowing funds from CTG. *See* SAC Ex. 14 (2/17/16 email from C. Hanna to J. Hager).

17 18. CTG’s assumption of CTG Advanced Material’s and other affiliates and subsidiaries’
18 liabilities and use of CTG’s capital and assets to maintain CTG Advanced Material’s and other affiliates
19 and subsidiaries’ businesses. *See* Ex. 17 (Presentation Structuring CTG Advanced Materials as
20 Subsidiary of CTG).

21 19. The sale of Electro-Optical Industries to “a foreign interest,” which CTG reported left the
22 Department of State “appalled” and jeopardized CTG’s security accreditation. *See* SAC Ex. 15 (6/24/16
23 email from C. Holmes to V. Caruso); SAC Ex. 16 (6/20/16 email from C. Holmes to V. Caruso).

24 20. On or about March 2016, Blue Wolf Capital Partners, through its executive management
25 team and BW Piezo, sold CTG Advanced Materials for approximately \$73 million to CTS Corporation.
26 Instead of returning to CTG the proceeds from the sale of assets of CTG Advanced Materials, Blue Wolf
27 Capital Partners, acting through BW Piezo, structured the transaction to have CTS Corporation transfer
28 the proceeds to Blue Wolf Capital Partners and its shell companies, CIT Bank, N.A., the Mezzanine

Lenders, Pengdi Han, and to Blue Wolf Capital Partners insiders as bonus payments. BW Piezo did not even have its own bank account and Blue Wolf Capital Partners directed CTS Corporation to transfer the proceeds from the sale of CTG Advanced Materials to Blue Wolf Capital Fund.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

Trustee's amended response to Interrogatory No. 2 remains wholly deficient for the same reasons that made the response to Interrogatory No. 1 improper. In amending the response, Trustee added a new list of purported "facts" that are just as conclusory and argumentative as the list in Interrogatory No. 1. And here, most of those statements fail to refer to even a single supporting document, let alone provide any actual recitation of facts in the form of the who, what, where, when or how of the conduct alleged. Trustee claims to have stated all facts presently known to Trustee to support the conclusory statements these conclusions. If that is the case, Trustee must not be permitted to later claim some entitlement to present additional or different facts that Trustee refuses to identify now. The following are a few representative examples of unsupported conclusory statements in the response to Interrogatory No. 2:

- "BW Partners, acting through BW Piezo forced the Debtor to enter into separate loan and investment agreements (the "Loan and Investment 22 Agreements") with Fidus Investment Corporation, Fidus Mezzanine Capital II, L.P., Avante Mezzanine Partners SBIC, LP, and Avante Mezzanine Partners II, Inc."
- "The terms of the Loan and Investment Agreements were onerous to the Debtor."
- "BW Partners, acting through its executive management team and BW Piezo forced the Debtor to use its assets to make payments to the Mezzanine Lenders and to CIT Bank, N.A. pursuant to the loan agreements, for the benefit of AM—which Debtor did not own."
- "BW Piezo, the Debtor, and AM operated as alter egos of each other, and the three entities regularly comingled funds and assets."
- "Blue Wolf Capital Partners, acting through its executive management team and BW Piezo, indiscriminately directed CTG to transfer funds to pay for BW Piezo's and CTG Advanced Materials's liabilities, including payroll, professional services, and legal bills, and vice versa benefitting those entities, as well as BW Partners and its shell companies and the Mezzanine Lenders by virtue of their equity interest in BW Piezo."

1 • “From December 20, 2013 to December 31, 2015, CTG made regular payments to Fidus
2 Investment Corporation and Fidus Mezzanine Capital II, L.P. totaling \$1,959,987.31.”

3 • “From December 19, 2013 to February 18, 2016, CTG made regular payments to Avante
4 Mezzanine Partners SBIC, LP and Avante Mezzanine Partners II, Inc. totaling \$1,957,300.44.”

5 For these and the numerous other conclusions stated in the response, Trustee supplies little or no
6 detail concerning how it will support these allegations. The responses raise far more questions for
7 Defendants than they answer, such as: who supposedly forced Debtor to enter a loan, when, and how?
8 What were the terms of the agreement, how were they “onerous,” and what made them improper? Who
9 specifically directed payment of liabilities? When? Which liabilities? How do we know the liabilities,
10 such as those for legal bills and professional services, were for the benefit of one entity or another? That
11 Defendants are still unable to determine from the interrogatory response the answer to such basic
12 questions confirms the deficiency of the response. *In re M & L Bus. Mach. Co., Inc.*, 167 B.R. 631, 634–
13 35 (D. Colo. 1994), 167 B.R. 631, 634–35 (D. Colo. 1994) (granting motion to compel supplementation
14 of interrogatories and sanctions against a Bankruptcy Trustee where “despite [the defendant’s] repeated
15 requests for an identification of the allegedly avoidable transactions and a description of the legal basis
16 underlying certain of the Trustee’s claims, the Trustee continue[d] to provide evasive answers to the
17 interrogatories which were the subject of its motion to compel”; adding that “[u]nder Rule 37(a)(3), an
18 evasive or incomplete answer is ‘treated as a failure to disclose, answer, or respond’”; and, ordering that
19 Trustee was obligated to state in detail in its interrogatory responses the specifics concerning transactions
20 Trustee sought to avoid.); *See also In re Cont’l Cap. Inv. Servs., Inc.*, 2009 WL 1661918, at *5 (Bankr.
21 N.D. Ohio Mar. 6, 2009) (Holding that Trustee must answer with a detailed narrative response
22 interrogatories seeking “all facts” detailing alleged avoidable transfers even if so doing imposes a
23 “substantial burden” on Trustee and ordering Trustee “to identify the factual basis for his claim with
24 respect to each transfer he claims is recoverable [from defendant] as a fraudulent transfer.”).

25 Moreover, where, as here, interrogatories ask the responding party to “state all facts” supporting
26 allegations, to the extent Trustee relies on Rule 33(d) in support of its response, such reliance is
27 improper. “Reliance on Rule 33(d) is appropriate when the interrogatory requests objective facts that are
28 obvious from the specified documents, but is generally inappropriate when the interrogatory asks a party

1 to state its contentions or to state facts supporting its allegations.” *Morock v. Chautauqua Airlines, Inc.*,
2 2007 WL 4247767, at* 2 (M.D. Fla. Dec. 3, 2007) (directing the party required to respond to
3 interrogatories to respond in narrative form because reliance on Fed. R. Civ. P. 33(d) necessarily required
4 the party who propounded the interrogatories to read the mind of the responding party regarding how the
5 incident at issue occurred). *In re Savitt/Adler Litig.*, 176 F.R.D. at 49 (“Each of the interrogatories at
6 issue directs a plaintiff to ‘state the facts’ supporting various allegations in her complaint. None of the
7 interrogatories ask for the evidence or documents supporting those allegations. Given the particular
8 interrogatories, then, Rule 33(b) required that they be answered ‘separately and fully,’ and the resort to
9 Rule 33(d) in response to these interrogatories was inappropriate.”). When a party relies on Rule 33(d),
10 the Rule “is not satisfied by the ‘wholesale dumping of documents.’ ” *Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC v.*
11 *Boland*, 259 F.R.D. 516, 518 (D. Col. 2009). “A general reference to responsive documents is an
12 insufficient response.” *Id.* at 519. *See also SEC v. Bilzerian (In re Bilzerian)*, 190 B.R. 964 (Bankr. M.D.
13 Fla. 1995); *Zaremba v. Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP (In re Continental Capital Inv. Servs., Inc.)*,
14 2009 WL 1661918 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio Mar. 6, 2009). Trustees attempt to supply documents instead of
15 facts and the failure even to identify all such responsive documents, does not satisfy the Rule of Civil
16 33(d). *In re Savitt/Adler Litigation*, 176 F.R.D. at 49. *Fed. Indus. v. Cameron Techs. U.S., Inc.*, No. CV
17 07-1098-VBF(CTx), 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 129004, at *4-5 (C.D. Cal. Oct. 16, 2008) (granting a
18 motion to compel and holding that a response to an interrogatory was “inadequate” where the responding
19 party responded to a contention interrogatory by referencing a large set of documents, and stating that
20 “Federal has not identified any particular documents. Instead, Federal refers to a broad set of documents,
21 the parameters of which are up to Federal’s subjective determination. As a result, Cameron is left to
22 guess which documents Federal is talking about.”); *Cambridge Electronics Corp. v. MGA Electronics,*
23 *Inc.*, 227 F.R.D. 313, 323 (C.D. Cal. 2004) (granting motion to compel and holding that response to
24 interrogatory stating “[t]he answer to this interrogatory may be derived or ascertained from the business
25 records of the Responding Party” was not sufficient, and that the responding party must specify particular
26 documents responsive to the interrogatory); *Walt Disney Co. v. DeFabiis*, 168 F.R.D. 281, 284 (C.D. Cal.
27 1996) (granting motion to compel and holding that it was inappropriate to cite to Rule 33(d) without
28 specifying the particular location and category of records in which the responsive documents could be

found); *Pac. Lumber Co v. Nat'l Union Fire Ins. Co*, 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 1773, No. C 02-4799 SBA (JL) at *18 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 5, 2005) (granting a motion to compel where the responding party referred the propounding party to a database of 70,000 documents, and ordering the party to respond to the interrogatory by “identifying only those documents” that were directly responsive to the interrogatory, and stating “[c]atch-all provisions are not sufficiently specific to be responsive, even when combined with more specific references to evidence.”).

In its present construction, Trustee’s response to Interrogatory No. 2 makes it impossible for Defendants to evaluate the merits of the allegations or to prepare the defense to same.

TRUSTEE’S POSITION:

The Trustee refers the Court to its response regarding Interrogatory No. 1. The Trustee, upon amending its responses, removed references to Rule 33(d) and provided fulsome, sworn, and verified answers to the interrogatory.

Moreover, the Defendants’ attempt to prohibit Trustee from amending its responses in the future is an improper and unreasonable request and should be denied. First, the Defendants are likely to possess relevant documents, knowledge, and information, which will be uncovered through the discovery process. Second, Defendants seek to prohibit Trustee from amending its responses upon future discovery of facts before a scheduling order has been entered and before the Defendants have provided responses to Trustee’s written discovery requests or produced any documents. Defendants’ blatant attempt to use the discovery process as both a sword and a shield and prematurely prevent the Trustee from developing its case by hindering the Trustee from obtaining and relying on any discovery from the Defendant is a frivolous request and must be denied.

INTERROGATORY NO. 3:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that “Blue Wolf Capital Partners directed CTG to file for bankruptcy in late 2016 to leave the other creditors of CTG ‘holding the bag’ while Defendants enjoyed the millions in distributions from the sale of CTG Advanced Materials,” as alleged in paragraph 48 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

1 Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks
2 “all facts” relating to paragraph 48 of the SAC. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general
3 and specific objections, Trustee responds as follows:

4 1. After acquiring the Debtor, the Debtor’s management, under BW Partners’
5 control, decided to acquire H.C. Materials, Inc.

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7 through BW Piezo, decided to create a new entity to hold the assets: CTG Advanced Materials.

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11 even have its own bank account and Blue Wolf Capital Partners directed CTS Corporation to transfer the
12 proceeds from the sale of CTG Advanced Materials to Blue Wolf Capital Fund.

13 21. Subsequently, and with CTG Advanced Materials’s assets liquidated and distributed
14 amongst Blue Wolf Capital Partners, its insiders, and its lenders, Blue Wolf Capital Partners and Mr.
15 Holmes began to position CTG to declare for bankruptcy. Blue Wolf was desperate to delay CTG’s filing
16 for bankruptcy protection for as long as possible to avoid the bankruptcy preference period and protect
17 the validity of the transfers related to the CTG Advanced Materials sale. To accomplish this,
18 Blue Wolf Capital Partners and Mr. Holmes directed CTG, in April 2016, to enter a prepetition lending
19 agreement with Blue Wolf Capital Fund II, L.P., to provide a cash infusion in exchange for a security
20 interest in CTG’s assets. Next, in June 2016, Blue Wolf sealed CTG’s fate by selling one of its most
21 valuable subsidiaries, Electro-Optical Industries, at a cut-rate price in June 2016 to keep CTG from being
22 forced to file bankruptcy for a couple more months.

23 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES’ POSITION:**

24 Defendants incorporate their position as to Interrogatory No. 2.

25 **TRUSTEE’S POSITION:**

26 Trustee incorporates its position as to Interrogatory No. 1 and has served its First Amended
27 Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Entities’ First Set of Interrogatories identifying all
28 facts known to the Trustee at this time.

INTERROGATORY NO. 4:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that "there was no corporate separateness between [CTG and CTG Advanced Materials] (or BW Piezo)," as alleged in paragraph 54 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks "all facts" relating to paragraph 54 of the SAC. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds as follows:

1. At all relevant times, Blue Wolf Capital Partners was operated by its Founder, Managing Partner, and Managing Principal, Adam Blumenthal, and its partners, including Blue Wolf Capital Partners owns, dominates, and controls Blue Wolf Capital Fund II, L.P. The two entities shared the same managing partner: Adam Blumenthal. In addition, Blue Wolf Capital Partners insiders, including Blumenthal, Miller, Narulla, and Ranson serve as directors for Blue Wolf Capital Fund. Blue Wolf Capital Partners uses Blue Wolf Capital Fund as a mere liability shield for the operations of Blue Wolf Capital Partners, and all funds from it and its subsidiaries are siphoned up to Blue Wolf Capital Partners and its insiders. Blue Wolf Capital Fund does not have an independent office or independent employees.

2. Blue Wolf Capital Partners uses another shell company to manage Blue Wolf Capital Fund: Blue Wolf Capital Advisors. Blue Wolf Capital Advisors is owned and operated by the same group of Blue Wolf Capital Partners insiders, including Blumenthal, Miller, Narulla, and Ranson. Blue Wolf Capital Partners structured Blue Wolf Capital Advisors, LP as the general partner of Blue Wolf Capital Fund II, LP. Blue Wolf Capital Partners uses Blue Wolf Capital Advisors as a mere liability shield to manage Blue Wolf Capital Fund, and all funds from it and its subsidiaries are siphoned up to Blue Wolf Capital Partners and its insiders. Blue Wolf Capital Advisors does not have an independent office or independent employees.

3. Blue Wolf Capital Partners used Blue Wolf Capital Advisors to direct Blue Wolf Fund to establish BW Piezo to acquire CTG. BW Piezo is not an independent entity and is made up and controlled by the same Blue Wolf Capital Partners insiders, including its Founder and Managing Partner, Adam Blumenthal, and Charles P. Miller, Haranjeet Narulla, and Michael Ranson. BW Piezo is merely a façade for the operations of Blue Wolf Capital Partners and all funds from it and its subsidiaries

1 are siphoned up to Blue Wolf Capital Partners and its insiders. Further, Blue Wolf Capital Partners, and
2 its agents, operate BW Piezo as a mere division of Blue Wolf Capital Partners and do not respect its
3 distinct corporate form. BW Piezo does not have an independent office or independent employees.

4 4. BW Piezo, CTG, and CTG Advanced Materials were organized and operated as alter egos
5 of each other. Although Blue Wolf identified CTG and CTG Advanced Materials as separate entities in
6 organizational charts, in practice, there was no corporate separateness between the two (or BW Piezo).
7 Blue Wolf Capital Partners—utilizing its “shell company” BW Piezo— routinely commingled funds and
8 assets between the two to cover company liabilities.

9 5. CTG funds were used to pay for the liabilities and debts of CTG Advanced Materials and
10 BW Piezo, including payroll. See Second Amended Complaint (“SAC”), Ex. 19 (1/26/16 email from L.
11 Chen to C. Hanna); SAC, Ex. 20 (1/5/16 email from L. Chen to C. Hanna); SAC, Ex. 14 (2/17/16 email
12 from C. Hanna to J. Hager).

13 6. CTG Advanced Materials funds were used to pay for the liabilities and debts of CTG,
14 including accounts receivable. See SAC, Ex. 21 (12/2/15 email from L. Chen to C. Hanna).

15 7. Accounting between the two companies was commingled. For example, CTG Advanced
16 Materials’ revenues were accounted for as part of CTG’s overall revenues. See SAC Ex. 22 (1/21/16
17 email from L. Chen to S. Hoyos).

18 8. CTG funds were transferred to BW Piezo to pay out CTG Advanced Materials bonuses
19 and legal expenses.

20 9. The liabilities of all BW Piezo subsidiaries were paid through CTG’s operating account,
21 and BW Piezo did not have its own separate bank account. See SAC Ex. 23 (1/21/16 email from L. Chen
22 to A. Ortega).

23 10. CTG expenses were accrued between CTG and BW Piezo. See SAC Ex. 24 (1/15/16
24 email from L. Chen to C. Hanna).

25 11. Legal expenses incurred in relation to CTG matters were charged to BW Piezo’s general
26 liabilities. See SAC Ex. 27 (1/12/16 email from L. Chen to C. Hanna).

27 12. BW Piezo would pay for certain CTG-related expenses directly and then seek
28 reimbursement from CTG. See SAC Ex. 25 (2/2/16 email from L. Chen to D. Oldham).

1 13. CTG's "cash flow" position was forecasted to include the "cash flow" position of CTG
2 Advanced Materials.

3 14. CTG incurred BW Piezo's legal, tax, and other service expenses. See Ex. SAC (3/8/16
4 email from C. Hanna to A. Ortega)

5 15. BW Piezo owned all of the equity of CTG and AM.

6 16. BW Piezo did not have its own physical location and held board meeting at the offices of
7 CTG. See SAC Ex. 10 (attachment to 2/5/16 email from L. Chen to K. Carrington).

8 17. AM's CEO and CFO were located in CTG's offices, and AM's officers reported to
9 CTG's officers.

10 18. The Blue Wolf Entities and CTG represented to third party entities that AM was a
11 subsidiary of CTG. See SAC, Ex. 17 (Presentation structuring AM as subsidiary of CTG).

12 19. The Blue Wolf Entities, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Narulla issued press releases and
13 represented to the public that CTG had acquired H.C. Materials. See SAC, Ex. 8 (October 15, 2013 Press
14 Release).

15 20. CTG's corporate documents and communications with auditors represented CTG
16 Advanced Materials as a "division" of CTG. See Ex. SAC 28 (pdf attachment to 12/26/15 email
17 from L. Chen to D. Ligon); Ex. 29 (attachment to 1/19/16 email from L. Chen to J. Cherry).

18 21. CTG Advanced Materials was represented in government submissions as being a
19 subsidiary of CTG. See SAC Ex. 9 (Dorsey Whitney letter).

20 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:**

21 Defendants incorporate their position as to Interrogatory No. 2.

22 **TRUSTEE'S POSITION:**

23 Trustee incorporates its position as to Interrogatory No. 1 and has served its First Amended
24 Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Entities' First Set of Interrogatories identifying the
25 relevant facts at this point in time.

26 **INTERROGATORY NO. 5:**

27 State all facts supporting YOUR contention that "Blue Wolf Capital Partners, through its shell
28 companies and executive management team, formed, organized, and operated BW Piezo, CTG, and CTG

Advanced Materials to evade government regulation, legal obligations, and debt obligations, including national security related regulations and bankruptcy laws," as alleged in paragraph 55 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks "all facts" relating to paragraph 54 of the SAC. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee identifies the same facts as in its response to Interrogatory No. 4.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

Defendants incorporate their position as to Interrogatory No. 2.

TRUSTEE'S POSITION:

Trustee incorporates its position as to Interrogatory No. 1 and has served its First Amended Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Entities' First Set of Interrogatories identifying the relevant facts at this point in time.

INTERROGATORY NO. 6:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that "Blue Wolf Entities allowed the entities to operate with inadequate capital for the type of business they were conducting, siphoning CTG' s assets and capital to repay Blue Wolf Capital Partners and make distributions to themselves," as alleged in paragraph 56 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks "all facts" supporting the allegation in paragraph 56 of the Complaint. The Trustee also objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it calls for or is based on information in the Blue Wolf Entities' possession, custody or control, which Defendants have not produced yet to Trustee. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee identifies the same facts as in its response to Interrogatory Nos. 1, 2, and 4.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

Defendants incorporate their position as to Interrogatory Nos. 1 and 2.

TRUSTEE'S POSITION:

Trustee incorporates its position as to Interrogatory No. 1 and has served its First Amended Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Entities' First Set of Interrogatories identifying the relevant facts at this point in time.

INTERROGATORY NO. 7:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that "Blue Wolf Capital Partners operated BW Piezo, CTG, and CTG Advanced Materials as part of a single business enterprise," as alleged in paragraph 57 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks "all facts" supporting the allegation in paragraph 57 of the Complaint. The Trustee also objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it calls for or is based on information in the Blue Wolf Entities' possession, custody or control. Trustee further objects to this Interrogatory as duplicative of Interrogatory No.1. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee identifies the same facts as in its response to Interrogatory No. 1.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

Defendants incorporate their position as to Interrogatory No. 1.

TRUSTEE'S POSITION:

Trustee incorporates its position as to Interrogatory No. 1 and has served its First Amended Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Entities' First Set of Interrogatories identifying the relevant facts at this point in time.

INTERROGATORY NO. 8:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that "Blue Wolf Capital Partners dominated and controlled CTG and CTG Advanced Materials," as alleged in paragraph 59 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks

1 “all facts” supporting the allegation in paragraph 59 of the Complaint. The Trustee also objects to this
2 Interrogatory to the extent it calls for or is based on information in the Blue Wolf Entities’ possession,
3 custody or control, which Defendants have not produced yet to Trustee. Trustee further objects to this
4 Interrogatory as duplicative in substance as Interrogatory No. 1. Subject to and without waiver of the
5 foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee identifies the same facts as in its response to
6 Interrogatory Nos. 1 and 4.

7 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES’ POSITION:**

8 Defendants incorporate their position as to Interrogatory Nos. 1 and 4.

9 **TRUSTEE’S POSITION:**

10 Trustee incorporates its position as to Interrogatory No. 1 and has served its First Amended
11 Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Entities’ First Set of Interrogatories identifying the
12 relevant facts at this point in time.

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14 **INTERROGATORY NO. 9:**

15 State all facts supporting YOUR contention that “Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG to enter
16 into and secure oppressive loan agreements for the sole benefit of BW Piezo and itself, forced CTG to
17 make payments on these loans that did not benefit CTG, forced CTG to pass on corporate opportunities,
18 such as the acquisition of HC Materials’ assets directly, and forced CTG to pay for CTG Advanced
19 Materials’ and BW Piezo’s liabilities and debts-all without CTG receiving any reasonably equivalent
20 value,” as alleged in paragraph 61 of the COMPLAINT.

21 **ANSWER:**

22 Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks
23 “all facts” supporting the allegation in paragraph 161 of the Complaint. The Trustee also objects to this
24 Interrogatory to the extent it calls for or is based on information in the Blue Wolf Entities’ possession,
25 custody or control, which Defendants have not produced yet to Trustee. Trustee further objects to this
26 Interrogatory as duplicative in substance as Interrogatory No. 2. Subject to and without waiver of the
27 foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee identifies the same facts as in its response to
28 Interrogatory Nos. 2.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

Defendants incorporate their position as to Interrogatory No. 2.

TRUSTEE'S POSITION:

Trustee incorporates its position as to Interrogatory No. 1 and has served its First Amended Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Entities' First Set of Interrogatories identifying the relevant facts at this point in time.

INTERROGATORY NO. 10:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that CTG did not receive reasonably equivalent value for funds transferred to Grant Thornton, LLP, as alleged in paragraph 161 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks "all facts" supporting the allegation in paragraph 161 of the Complaint. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds that CTG transferred \$1,054,753.85 to Grant Thornton, LLP from January 7, 2013 to March 2017. The transfers were made to pay for accounting and financial services rendered to BW Piezo and CTG Advanced Materials, and CTG did not receive reasonably equivalent value for making these transfers. Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG to pay these expenses to maximize CTG Advanced Materials's assets and value, and thus BW Piezo's assets, upon the sale of CTG Advanced Materials. Blue Wolf Capital Partners knew that paying these expenses would deprive CTG of assets available to CTG's creditors for satisfying their debts when Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG into bankruptcy.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

The Trustee merely parrots the language in the Complaint. Further, despite the fact that Grant Thornton provided accounting services for the debtor, the Trustee says nothing about this in its answer. The Trustee has a duty to investigate and fully respond to interrogatories and this is a further example of the Trustee doing absolutely nothing to respond to the interrogatory despite having access to records to do so.

TRUSTEE'S POSITION:

Trustee incorporates its position as to Interrogatory No. 1 and has served its First Amended Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Entities' First Set of Interrogatories identifying the relevant facts at this point in time.

INTERROGATORY NO. 11:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that CTG did not receive reasonably equivalent value for the funds transferred to Holland & Knight, as alleged in paragraph 162 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks "all facts" supporting the allegation in paragraph 162 of the Complaint. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds that CTG transferred \$789,579.14 to Holland & Knight from December 2012 to September 2016. The transfers were made to pay for legal services rendered to BW Piezo and CTG Advanced Materials, and CTG did not receive reasonably equivalent value for making these transfers. Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG to pay these expenses to maximize CTG Advanced Materials's assets and value, and thus BW Piezo's assets, upon the sale of CTG Advanced Materials. Blue Wolf Capital Partners knew that paying these expenses would deprive CTG of assets available to CTG's creditors for satisfying their debts when Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG into bankruptcy.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

The Trustee merely parrots the language in the Complaint. Further, despite the fact that Holland & Knight provided legal services for the debtor, the Trustee says nothing about this in its answer. The Trustee has a duty to investigate and fully respond to interrogatories and this is a further example of the Trustee doing absolutely nothing to respond to the interrogatory despite having access to records to do so.

TRUSTEE'S POSITION:

Trustee incorporates its position as to Interrogatory No. 1 and has served its First Amended Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Entities' First Set of Interrogatories identifying the relevant facts at this point in time.

INTERROGATORY NO. 12:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that CTG did not receive reasonably equivalent value for funds transferred to Fidus Investment Corporation and Fidus Mezzanine Capital II, L.P, as alleged in paragraph 163 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks “all facts” supporting the allegation in paragraph 163 of the Complaint. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds that CTG transferred \$1,959,987.31 to Fidus Investment Corporation and Fidus Mezzanine Capital II, L.P. from December 2013 to December 2015. The transfers were loan payments pursuant to the Loan and Investment Agreement entered into by BW Piezo, CTG Advanced Materials, CTG, and Electro Optical Industries for the purchase of HC Materials. If BW Piezo and CTG Advanced Materials are not CTG’s alter egos, then CTG received no reasonably equivalent value for making these transfers. Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG to make these transfers to maximize CTG Advanced Materials’s assets and value, and thus BW Piezo’s assets, upon the sale of CTG Advanced Materials. Blue Wolf Capital Partners knew that making these transfers would deprive CTG of assets available to CTG’s creditors for satisfying their debts when Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG into bankruptcy.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES’ POSITION:

The Trustee admits in the answer that the debtor was a party to the loan agreement with the Fidus entities and says that the debtor was “forced” to make transfers by Blue Wolf Capital Partners and forced into bankruptcy without citing a single fact pertaining to same, such as who took actions, when they took actions, and what documents evidence the actions. Setting forth conclusions does not comport with discovery obligations. Saying that discovery is in its early stages is no excuse as Bankruptcy Rule 9011 requires that there be factual support for claims set forth in a complaint.

TRUSTEE’S POSITION:

Trustee incorporates its position as to Interrogatory No. 1 and has served its First Amended Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Entities’ First Set of Interrogatories identifying the relevant facts at this point in time.

INTERROGATORY NO. 13:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that CTG did not receive reasonably equivalent value for the \$1,957,300.44 transferred to Avante Mezzanine Partners SBIC, LP and Avante Mezzanine Partners II, Inc., as alleged in paragraph 164 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks “all facts” supporting the allegation in paragraph 164 of the Complaint. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds that CTG transferred \$1,957,300.44 to Avante Mezzanine Partners SBIC, LP and Avante Mezzanine Partners II, Inc. from December 2013 to February 2016. The transfers were loan payments pursuant to the Loan and Investment Agreement entered into by BW Piezo, CTG Advanced Materials, CTG, and Electro Optical Industries for the purchase of HC Materials. If BW Piezo and CTG Advanced Materials are not CTG’s alter egos, then CTG received no reasonably equivalent value for making these transfers. Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG to make these transfers to maximize CTG Advanced Materials’s assets and value, and thus BW Piezo’s assets, upon the sale of CTG Advanced Materials. Blue Wolf Capital Partners knew that making these transfers would deprive CTG of assets available to CTG’s creditors for satisfying their debts when Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG into bankruptcy.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES’ POSITION:

The Trustee admits in the answer that the debtor was a party to the loan agreement with the Avante entities and says that the debtor was “forced” to make transfers by Blue Wolf Capital Partners and forced into bankruptcy without citing a single fact pertaining to same, such as who took actions, when they took actions, and what documents evidence the actions. Setting forth conclusions does not comport with discovery obligations. Saying that discovery is in its early stages is no excuse as Bankruptcy Rule 9011 requires that there be factual support for claims set forth in a complaint.

TRUSTEE’S POSITION:

Trustee incorporates its position as to Interrogatory No. 1 and has served its First Amended Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Entities’ First Set of Interrogatories identifying the

relevant facts at this point in time.

INTERROGATORY NO. 14:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that CTG did not receive reasonably equivalent value for funds transferred to CIT BANK, N.A., as alleged in paragraph 165 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks “all facts” supporting the allegation in paragraph 165 of the Complaint. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds CTG transferred \$ 33,248,711.36 to CIT Bank, N.A. from May 2013 to April 2016. The transfers were loan payments pursuant to a loan agreement entered into by BW Piezo, CTG Advanced Materials, CTG, and Electro Optical Industries for the purchase of HC Materials. If BW Piezo and CTG Advanced Materials are not CTG’s alter egos, then CTG received no reasonably equivalent value for making these transfers. Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG to make these transfers to maximize CTG Advanced Materials’s assets and value, and thus BW Piezo’s assets, upon the sale of CTG Advanced Materials. Blue Wolf Capital Partners knew that making these transfers would deprive CTG of assets available to CTG’s creditors for satisfying their debts when Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG into bankruptcy.

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES’ POSITION:

The Trustee admits in the answer that the debtor was a party to the loan agreement with CIT Bank, N.A. entities and says that the debtor was “forced” to make transfers by Blue Wolf Capital Partners without citing a single fact pertaining to same, such as who took actions, when they took actions, and what documents evidence the actions. Setting forth conclusions does not comport with discovery obligations. This is one of the most egregious examples of the Trustee intentionally failing and refusing to comply with discovery obligations. The Trustee has been given records of loans the debtor received from CIT Bank, N.A. which exceed the amount of the alleged transfers which funds were used for the debtor’s business operations yet no mention of this is made in the answer. A party cannot be allowed to assert \$60 million in claims and act in this fashion. Despite repeated requests, the Trustee has failed and refused to verify the interrogatory responses. The Blue Wolf Entities reserve the right to seek sanctions

1 against whoever signs the verification to these interrogatories. Saying that discovery is in its early stages
2 is no excuse as Bankruptcy Rule 9011 requires that there be factual support for claims set forth in a
3 complaint.

4 **TRUSTEE'S POSITION:**

5 Trustee incorporates its position as to Interrogatory No. 1 and has served its First Amended
6 Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Entities' First Set of Interrogatories identifying all
7 facts known to the Trustee at this time. The Court should deny Defendants' over-the-top and
8 inflammatory request for sanctions; as detailed previously, the Trustee thoroughly investigated its Second
9 Amended Complaint, and in addition to asserting 290 facts has attached 29 separate exhibits to its
10 Complaint in support thereof. Moreover, the Trustee has provided verified interrogatory responses and
11 has verified that it has identified the relevant facts at this point this time in response to each interrogatory
12 request.

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14 **INTERROGATORY NO. 15:**

15 State all facts supporting YOUR contention that CTG did not receive reasonably equivalent value
16 for funds transferred to Gladstone Investment Corporation, as alleged in paragraph 166 of the
17 COMPLAINT.

18 **ANSWER:**

19 Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks
20 "all facts" supporting the allegation in paragraph 166 of the Complaint. Subject to and without
21 waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds CTG transferred
22 \$7,576,027.49 to Gladstone Investment Corporation from February 2012 to June 2016. The transfers
23 were distributions made to BW Piezo's and the Blue Wolf Fund's equity owners, and CTG received no
24 reasonably equivalent value for making these transfers. Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG to make
25 these transfers to maximize CTG Advanced Materials's assets and value, and thus BW Piezo's assets,
26 upon the sale of CTG Advanced Materials. Blue Wolf Capital Partners knew that making these transfers
27 would deprive CTG of assets available to CTG's creditors for satisfying their debts when Blue Wolf
28 Capital Partners forced CTG into bankruptcy.

1 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:**

2 The Trustee again makes no attempt to set forth a responsive answer. The Trustee says that
3 transfers to Gladstone Investment Corporation ("Gladstone") were distributions to BW Piezo and Blue
4 Wolf Fund's equity owners. There are no facts explaining how a transfer to Gladstone, an unrelated
5 entity, can be a transfer to Blue Wolf Entities. Further there are no facts explaining how the Blue Wolf
6 Entities "forced" these distributions to be made or how transfers dating back to 2012 could be done
7 knowing that the debtor would be deprived of assets some 4 years later. Facts supporting these
8 conclusions must be set forth.

9 **TRUSTEE'S POSITION:**

10 Trustee incorporates its position as to Interrogatory No. 1 and has served its First Amended
11 Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Entities' First Set of Interrogatories identifying the
12 relevant facts at this point in time.

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14 **INTERROGATORY NO. 17:**

15 State all facts supporting YOUR contention that CTG did not receive reasonably equivalent value
16 for the \$165,365.86 transferred to McDermott Will & Emery, LLP, as alleged in paragraph 170 of the
17 COMPLAINT.

18 **ANSWER:**

19 Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks
20 "all facts" supporting the allegation in paragraph 170 of the Complaint. Subject to and without
21 waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds that CTG transferred
22 \$165,365.86 to McDermott Will & Emery, LLP from March 2015 to May 2016. The transfers were made
23 to pay for legal services rendered to CTG Advanced Materials, and CTG did not receive reasonably
24 equivalent value for making these transfers. Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG to pay these
25 expenses.

26 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:**

27 The Trustee merely parrots the language in the Complaint. Further, despite the fact that
28 McDermott Will provided legal services for the debtor, the Trustee says nothing about this in its answer.

1 The Trustee has a duty to investigate and fully respond to interrogatories and this is a further example of
2 the Trustee doing absolutely nothing to respond to the interrogatory despite having access to records to
3 do so.

4 **TRUSTEE'S POSITION:**

5 Trustee incorporates its position as to Interrogatory No. 1 and has served its First Amended
6 Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Entities' First Set of Interrogatories identifying the
7 relevant facts at this point in time.

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9 **INTERROGATORY NO. 18:**

10 IDENTIFY all transfers for which YOU allege Blue Wolf Capital Partners, LLC is liable and set
11 forth specific facts and PERSONS with knowledge to support the basis for YOUR contention.

12 **ANSWER:**

13 Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks
14 the identity of "all transfers". The Trustee also objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it calls for or is
15 based on information in the Blue Wolf Entities' possession, custody, or control. Subject to and without
16 waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds that Blue Wolf Capital
17 Partners, LLC is liable for every transfer in Schedule B identified as having been made for the benefit of
18 BW Piezo, CTG Advanced Materials, Blue Wolf Capital Partners. The Trustee further identifies the
19 following persons with knowledge to support the basis of its contentions:

- 20 1. Adam Blumenthal
21 2. Pierre Chao
22 3. Christopher Holmes
23 4. David Oldham
24 5. John Mei
25 6. Charles Miller
26 7. Lynn Chen
27 8. Mark Shaw
28 9. Kevin Ruelas

1 10. Arturo Ortega

2 11. Ralph Phillips

3 12. Pengdi Han

4 13. Cheryl Hanna

5 14. Haranjeet Narullah

6 15. Richard Feferman

7 16. David Tiffany

8 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:**

9 Without reference to any facts, the Trustee states that Blue Wolf Capital Partners, LLC is liable
10 for the hundreds of transfers totaling tens of millions of dollars set forth on Schedule B to the Complaint.
11 This is an egregious failure to comply with discovery obligations. The Trustee also provides a laundry
12 list of names of people who allegedly have knowledge that this upstream entity is somehow responsible
13 for the debts, including Pengdi Han who the Trustee has never even spoken with. There is no basis for
14 the Trustee to list all of these names. The right to seek sanctions against the signatory to the verification
15 of these interrogatories is reserved.

16 **TRUSTEE'S POSITION:**

17 Trustee incorporates its position as to Interrogatory Nos. 1 and 14 and has served its First
18 Amended Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Entities' First Set of Interrogatories
19 identifying the relevant facts at this point in time. Defendants' frivolous request for sanctions should be
20 denied. Trustee believes that the individuals identified above—who are also the individuals identified by
21 Defendants in their Initial Disclosures—have first-hand knowledge about the Debtor and the Blue Wolf
22 Entities' control, management, and direction of the Debtor, as well as the Debtor's operations.

23 **INTERROGATORY NO. 19:**

24 IDENTIFY all transfers for which YOU allege Blue Wolf Capital Advisors, L.P. is liable and set
25 forth specific facts and PERSONS with knowledge to support the basis for YOUR contention.

26 **ANSWER:**

27 Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks
28 the identity of "all transfers". The Trustee also objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it calls for or is

1 based on information in the Blue Wolf Entities' possession, custody, or control. Trustee has requested
2 or will request discovery and documents regarding transfers made between Blue Wolf Capital Fund II,
3 L.P., and Blue Wolf Capital Advisors, L.P. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and
4 specific objections, Trustee responds that Blue Wolf Capital Advisors, L.P. is liable for every transfer in
5 Schedule B identified as having been made for the benefit of BW Piezo, CTG Advanced Materials, Blue
6 Wolf Capital Partners. The Trustee further identifies the following persons with knowledge to support the
7 basis of its contentions:

- 8 1. Adam Blumenthal
- 9 2. Pierre Chao
- 10 3. Christopher Holmes
- 11 4. David Oldham
- 12 5. John Mei
- 13 6. Charles Miller
- 14 7. Lynn Chen
- 15 8. Mark Shaw
- 16 9. Kevin Ruelas
- 17 10. Arturo Ortega
- 18 11. Ralph Phillips
- 19 12. Pengdi Han
- 20 13. Cheryl Hanna
- 21 14. Haranjeet Narullah
- 22 15. Richard Feferman
- 23 16. David Tiffany

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25 **THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:**

26 Without reference to any facts, the Trustee states that Blue Wolf Capital Advisors, L.P. is liable
27 for the hundreds of transfers totaling tens of millions of dollars set forth on Schedule B to the Complaint.
28 This is an egregious failure to comply with discovery obligations. The Trustee also provides a laundry

list of names of people who allegedly have knowledge that this upstream entity is somehow responsible for the debts, including Pengdi Han who the Trustee has never even spoken with. There is no basis for the Trustee to list all of these names. The right to seek sanctions against the signatory to the verification of these interrogatories is reserved.

TRUSTEE'S POSITION:

Trustee incorporates its position as to Interrogatory Nos. 1 and 18 and has served its First Amended Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Entities' First Set of Interrogatories identifying all facts known to the Trustee at this time.

INTERROGATORY NO. 20:

IDENTIFY all transfers for which YOU allege Blue Wolf Capital Fund II, L.P. is liable and set forth specific facts and PERSONS with knowledge to support the basis for YOUR contention.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks the identity of "all transfers". The Trustee also objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it calls for or is based on information in the Blue Wolf Entities' possession, custody, or control. Trustee has requested or will request discovery and documents regarding transfers made by Blue Wolf Capital Fund II, L.P.. Upon information and believe, and subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds that Blue Wolf Fund II, L.P. received \$5,669,848.62 from the proceeds of the sale of Advanced Materials. Trustee further responds that Blue Wolf Capital Fund II, L.P. is liable for every transfer in Schedule B identified as having been made for the benefit of BW Piezo, CTG Advanced Materials, Blue Wolf Capital Partners. The Trustee further identifies the following persons with knowledge to support the basis of its contentions:

1. Adam Blumenthal
2. Pierre Chao
3. Christopher Holmes
4. David Oldham
5. John Mei
6. Charles Miller

7. Lynn Chen
8. Mark Shaw
9. Kevin Ruelas
10. Arturo Ortega
11. Ralph Phillips
12. Pengdi Han
13. Cheryl Hanna
14. Haranjeet Narullah
15. Richard Feferman
16. David Tiffany

THE BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' POSITION:

Without reference to any facts, the Trustee states that Blue Wolf Capital Fund II, L.P. is liable for the hundreds of transfers totaling tens of millions of dollars set forth on Schedule B to the Complaint. This is an egregious failure to comply with discovery obligations. The Trustee also provides a laundry list of names of people who allegedly have knowledge that this upstream entity is somehow responsible for the debts, including Pengdi Han who the Trustee has never even spoken with. There is no basis for the Trustee to list all of these names. The right to seek sanctions against the signatory to the verification of these interrogatories is reserved.

TRUSTEE'S POSITION:

Trustee incorporates its position as to Interrogatory Nos. 1 and 18 and has served its First

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Amended Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Entities' First Set of Interrogatories
identifying the relevant facts at this point in time.

DATED: April 22, 2021

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – NORTHERN DIVISION

In re:
CHANNEL TECHNOLOGIES
GROUP, LLC
Debtor.

CORPORATE RECOVERY
ASSOCIATES, LLC, as Liquidating
Trustee appointed under the confirmed
Chapter 11 plan of Channel
Technologies Group, LLC,
Plaintiff,

v.
BLUE WOLF CAPITAL PARTNERS,
LLC, et al.,
Defendant.

CASE NO: 9:16-bk-11912-DS

Adv. Case No. 9:18-ap-01058-DS

Chapter 11 Proceeding

**PLAINTIFF'S OBJECTIONS AND
RESPONSES TO BLUE WOLF
CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC,
BLUE WOLF CAPITAL FUND II,
LP, AND BLUE WOLF CAPITAL
ADVISORS, LP'S FIRST SET OF
REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION
TO PLAINTIFF**

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2 Plaintiff Corporate Recovery Associates, LLC, as Trustee for the liquidating
3 Trust of Channel Technologies Group, LLC (the “Trustee”), provides the following
4 *Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Capital Partners, LLC, Blue Wolf*
5 *Capital Fund II, LP, and Blue Wolf Capital Advisors LP’s First Set of Requests for*
6 *Production of Documents*, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 34, and
7 Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Rule 7034, as follows:

8 **Preliminary Statement**

9 The Trustee has not completed its investigation relating to this action, has not
10 completed discovery in this action, and has not completed preparation for trial. As
11 discovery proceeds, facts, information, evidence, and documents may be discovered
12 that are not set forth in these responses, but which may have been responsive to
13 Defendant’s request. The following objections and responses are based on the Trustee’s
14 knowledge, information, and belief at this time and are complete as to the Trustee’s
15 best knowledge at this time. The Trustee assumes no obligation to voluntarily
16 supplement or amend these responses to reflect information, evidence, or documents
17 discovered following service of these responses. These responses are given without
18 prejudice to subsequent revision or supplementation based upon any information,
19 evidence, and documentation that may be discovered. The Trustee reserves the right
20 to refer to, conduct discovery with reference to, or to offer into evidence at the time of
21 trial, any and all facts, evidence, or documents developed during the course of discovery
22 and trial preparation notwithstanding the reference to facts, evidence, or documents
23 in these responses.

24 Moreover, these responses were prepared based on the Trustee’s good-faith
25 interpretation and understanding of the individual requests and are subject to
26 correction for inadvertent errors or omissions, if any. For instance, the Trustee has
27 answered these requests based on the numeration from the Trustee’s “Second
28 Amended Complaint.”

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

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3 1. Possession, Custody, and Control of Documents and Information: Trustee
4 objects to each Request, including each instruction and/or definition contained in the
5 Requests, that seeks documents, communications, and/or information not in the
6 possession, custody, or control of Trustee. Trustee further objects to each Request,
7 including each instruction and/or definition contained in the Requests, that seeks
8 documents, communications, and/or information that are (1) publicly available, (2)
9 equally available to the Blue Wolf Entities and/or within the Blue Wolf Entities'
10 possession, custody, or control, and/or (3) within the possession, custody, or control of
11 third parties to whom the Blue Wolf Entities may direct discovery.

12 2. Consistency with Federal Rules, Local Rules and Court Orders: Trustee
13 will respond to the Requests in accordance with the Federal Rules, the Local Rules and
14 any relevant Court order that has been entered in this action. To the extent the
15 Requests, including the definitions and instructions therein, seek to increase or
16 otherwise modify Trustee's obligations under the Federal Rules, the Federal Rules of
17 Evidence, the Local Rules, any relevant Court order, or any applicable law, Trustee
18 objects on the grounds that those Requests, definitions and/or instructions are
19 overbroad or unduly burdensome.

20 3. Proportionality: Per the Federal Rules, to obtain discovery of non-
21 privileged documents or information, the discovery must be "relevant to any party's
22 claim or defense and proportional to the needs of the case." Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(1).
23 Trustee objects to any Request to the extent it seeks information that is not relevant to
24 the claims or defenses in this action and/or not proportional to the needs of this case.

25 4. Reasonable Diligence: Whenever, in response to a Request, Trustee agrees
26 to provide information and/or produce documents, that agreement does not represent
27 that such information or documents exist, but only that such information or documents
28 will be provided if they exist, can be located with reasonable diligence, are within the
possession, custody or control of Trustee, are relevant and proportional to the needs of

1 the case, and are not otherwise protected from disclosure.

2 5. Electronically Stored Information (ESI): To the extent these Requests call
3 for the production of electronically stored information (“ESI”), Trustee objects to the
4 Request to the extent it requires production of ESI in any manner other than that
5 required by the Rules for ESI. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 34 Advisory Committee’s Notes (2006
6 Amendment).

7 6. Incorporation of Objections: All responses to the Requests are expressly
8 subject to these General Objections, and such General Objections are incorporated into
9 each individual Request response.
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**OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES TO FIRST REQUEST
FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1:

All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Blue Wolf Capital Partners ... forced BW Piezo, CTG, and CTG's subsidiary Electro Optical Industries to enter into a credit facility agreement with CIT Bank, N.A.," as alleged in paragraph 27 of the COMPLAINT.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 2:

All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Blue Wolf Capital Partners ... forced CTG's management to obtain financing for these assets," as alleged in paragraph 31 of the COMPLAINT.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3:

1 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Blue Wolf Capital Partners
2 ... forced CTG and its subsidiary to join BW Piezo and CTG Advanced Materials as
3 borrowers in the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement with One West Bank," as
4 alleged in paragraph 32 of the COMPLAINT.
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6 **RESPONSE:**

7 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
8 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
9 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
10 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
11 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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13 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 4:**

14 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Blue Wolf Capital partners
15 [sic] ... forced CTG to enter into separate loan and investment agreements ('Loan and
16 Investment Agreements') with Fidus Investment Corporation; Fidus Mezzanine Capital
17 LP.; Avante Mezzanine Partners SBIC, LP; Avante Mezzanine Partners II, Inc. (the
18 'Mezzanine Lenders')," as alleged in paragraph 33 of the COMPLAINT.
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20 **RESPONSE:**

21 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
22 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
23 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
24 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
25 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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28 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 5:**

1 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "The paper segregation was
2 fictional. Despite surreptitiously structuring CTG Advanced Materials as a sister
3 company, Blue Wolf Capital Partners, acting through its executive management team
4 and BW Piezo, forced CTG to use its assets to make payments to the Mezzanine Lenders
5 and to CIT Bank, N.A. pursuant to the loan agreements," as alleged in paragraph 37 of
6 the COMPLAINT.
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8 **RESPONSE:**

9 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
10 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
11 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
12 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
13 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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15 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 6:**

16 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "BW Piezo, CTG, and CTG
17 Advanced Materials operated as alter egos of each other," as alleged in paragraph 39 of
18 the COMPLAINT.
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20 **RESPONSE:**

21 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
22 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
23 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
24 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
25 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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27 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 7:**
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1 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Throughout 2014 and 2015,
2 CTG struggled to balance its finances," as alleged in paragraph 40 of the COMPLAINT.

3 **RESPONSE:**

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5 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
6 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
7 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
8 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
9 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

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11 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 8:**

12 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Realizing that CTG was
13 insolvent and facing mounting debt, Blue Wolf Capital Partners and Adam Blumenthal
14 undertook a plan to a plan to liquidate CTG's assets in a manner to maximize their own
15 recovery in the event of likely bankruptcy," as alleged in paragraph 41 of the
16 COMPLAINT.

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18 **RESPONSE:**

19 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
20 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
21 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
22 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
23 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

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25 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 9:**

26 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Mr. Blumenthal falsely
27 represented to Mr. Phillips that Blue Wolf was in the process of selling CTG Advanced
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1 Materials and misrepresented that the proceeds would go to CTG," as alleged in
2 paragraph 43 of the COMPLAINT.

3 **RESPONSE:**

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5 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
6 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
7 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
8 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
9 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

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11 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 10:**

12 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "prior to filing for
13 bankruptcy, CTG was habitually cash-strapped and in desperate need of operating
14 capital," as alleged in paragraph 44 of the COMPLAINT.

15 **RESPONSE:**

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17 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
18 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
19 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
20 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
21 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

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23 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 11:**

24 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Blue Wolf Capital Partners
25 made this request to delay CTG from running out of funds and being forced to file for
26 bankruptcy prior to the sale of CTG Advanced Materials," as alleged in paragraph 44 of
27 the COMPLAINT.

28 **RESPONSE:**

1 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
2 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
3 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
4 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
5 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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7 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 12:**

8 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Blue Wolf was desperate to
9 delay CTG's filing for bankruptcy protection for as long as possible to avoid the
10 bankruptcy preference period and protect the validity of the transfers related to the
11 CTG Advanced Materials sale," as alleged in paragraph 47 of the COMPLAINT.
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13 **RESPONSE:**

14 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
15 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
16 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
17 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
18 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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20 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 13:**

21 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Blue Wolf Capital Partners
22 directed CTG to file for bankruptcy in late 2016 to leave the other creditors of CTG
23 'holding the bag' while Defendants enjoyed the millions in distributions from the sale of
24 CTG Advanced Materials," as alleged in paragraph 48 of the COMPLAINT.
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26 **RESPONSE:**

27 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
28 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further

1 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
2 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
3 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

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5 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 14:**

6 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "there was no corporate
7 separateness between [CTG and CTG Advanced Materials] (or BW Piezo)," as alleged
8 in paragraph 54 of the COMPLAINT.

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10 **RESPONSE:**

11 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
12 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
13 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
14 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
15 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

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17 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 15:**

18 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Blue Wolf Capital
19 Partners-utilizing its 'shell company' BW Piezo-routinely commingled funds and assets
20 between the two to cover company liabilities," as alleged in paragraph 54 of the
21 COMPLAINT.

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23 **RESPONSE:**

24 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
25 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
26 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
27 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
28 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 16:

All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "CTG funds were used to pay for the liabilities and debts of CTG Advanced Materials and BW Piezo, including payroll," as alleged in paragraph 54 of the COMPLAINT.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 17:

All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "CTG Advanced Materials funds were used to pay for the liabilities and debts of CTG, including accounts receivable," as alleged in paragraph 54 of the COMPLAINT.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 18:

All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Accounting between the two companies was commingled," as alleged in paragraph 54 of the COMPLAINT.

RESPONSE:

1 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
2 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
3 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
4 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
5 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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7 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 19:**

8 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "CTG funds were
9 transferred to BW Piezo to pay out CTG Advanced Materials bonuses and legal
10 expenses," as alleged in paragraph 54 of the COMPLAINT.
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12 **RESPONSE:**

13 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
14 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
15 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
16 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
17 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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19 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 20:**

20 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "CTG's 'cash flow' position
21 was forecasted to include the 'cash flow' position of CTG Advanced Materials," as alleged
22 in paragraph 54 of the COMPLAINT.
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24 **RESPONSE:**

25 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
26 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
27 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
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1 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
2 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

3 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 21:**

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5 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "The liabilities of all BW
6 Piezo subsidiaries were paid through CTG's operating account, and BW Piezo did not
7 have its own separate bank account.," as alleged in paragraph 54 of the COMPLAINT.

8 **RESPONSE:**

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10 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
11 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
12 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
13 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
14 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

15 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 22:**

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17 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "CTG expenses were
18 accrued between CTG and BW Piezo," as alleged in paragraph 54 of the COMPLAINT.

19 **RESPONSE:**

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21 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
22 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
23 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
24 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
25 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

26 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 23:**

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1 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "BW Piezo would pay for
2 certain CTG related expenses directly and then seek reimbursement from CTG," as
3 alleged in paragraph 54 of the COMPLAINT.
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5 **RESPONSE:**

6 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
7 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
8 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
9 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
10 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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12 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 24:**

13 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "CTG incurred BW Piezo's
14 legal, tax, and other service expenses," as alleged in paragraph 54 of the COMPLAINT.
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16 **RESPONSE:**

17 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
18 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
19 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
20 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
21 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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23 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 25:**

24 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "CTG's corporate documents
25 and communications with auditors represented CTG Advanced Materials as a 'division'
26 of CTG," as alleged in paragraph 54 of the COMPLAINT.
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28 **RESPONSE:**

1 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
2 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
3 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
4 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
5 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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7 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 26:**

8 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "CTG Advanced Materials
9 was represented in government submissions and public press releases as being a
10 subsidiary of CTG," as alleged in paragraph 54 of the COMPLAINT.
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12 **RESPONSE:**

13 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
14 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
15 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
16 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
17 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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19 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 27:**

20 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Blue Wolf Capital
21 Partners, through its shell companies and executive management team, formed,
22 organized, and operated BW Piezo, CTG, and CTG Advanced Materials to evade
23 government regulation, legal obligations, and debt obligations, including national
24 security related regulations and bankruptcy laws," as alleged in paragraph 55 of the
25 COMPLAINT.
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27 **RESPONSE:**
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1 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
2 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
3 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
4 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
5 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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7 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 28:**

8 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Blue Wolf Entities allowed
9 the entities to operate with inadequate capital for the type of business they were
10 conducting. siphoning CTG's assets and capital to repay Blue Wolf Capital Partners and
11 make distributions to themselves," as alleged in paragraph 56 of the COMPLAINT.
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13 **RESPONSE:**

14 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
15 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
16 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
17 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
18 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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20 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 29:**

21 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Blue Wolf Capital Partners
22 operated BW Piezo, CTG, and CTG Advanced Materials as part of a single business
23 enterprise," as alleged in paragraph 57 of the COMPLAINT.
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25 **RESPONSE:**

26 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
27 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
28 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to

Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 30:

All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Blue Wolf Capital Partners'
abuse of the corporate form is inequitable because Blue Wolf Capital Partners, Blue
Wolf Capital Fund, Blue Wolf Capital Advisors, BW Piezo, and CTG Advanced
Materials reaped the benefits of holding out and treating CTG and CTG Advanced
Materials as the same entity but left CTG's creditors to pay for that arrangement," as
alleged in paragraph 58 of the COMPLAINT.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 31:

All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Blue Wolf Capital Partners
dominated and controlled CTG and CTG Advanced Materials," as alleged in paragraph
59 of the COMPLAINT.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to

1 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
2 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

3 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 32:**

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5 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Blue Wolf Capital Partners
6 controlled CTG's management and board of directors and directed CTG in every major
7 decision," as alleged in paragraph 60 of the COMPLAINT.

8 **RESPONSE:**

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10 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
11 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
12 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
13 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
14 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

15 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 33:**

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17 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Blue Wolf Capital Partners
18 forced CTG to enter into and secure oppressive loan agreements for the sole benefit of
19 BW Piezo and itself, forced CTG to make payments on these loans that did not benefit
20 CTG, forced CTG to pass on corporate opportunities, such as the acquisition of HC
21 Materials' assets directly, and forced CTG to pay for CTG Advanced Materials' and BW
22 Piezo's liabilities and debts-all without CTG receiving any reasonably equivalent value,"
23 as alleged in paragraph 61 of the COMPLAINT.

24 **RESPONSE:**

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26 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
27 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
28 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to

1 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
2 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

3 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 34:**

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5 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "These actions were not in
6 the best interest of CTG, limited CTG's growth, and depleted the assets available to
7 satisfy CTG's debts," as alleged in paragraph 61 of the COMPLAINT.

8 **RESPONSE:**

9
10 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
11 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
12 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
13 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
14 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

15 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 35:**

16
17 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
18 Request for Admission No. 1.

19 **RESPONSE:**

20
21 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in
22 its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions,
23 Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this
24 Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI.
25 Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its
26 possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their
27 direct access.

28 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 36:**

1 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
2 Request for Admission No. 2.

3 **RESPONSE:**

4
5 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in
6 its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions,
7 Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this
8 Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI.
9 Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its
10 possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their
11 direct access.
12

13 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 37:**

14 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
15 Request for Admission No. 3.

16 **RESPONSE:**

17
18 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in
19 its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions,
20 Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this
21 Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI.
22 Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its
23 possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their
24 direct access.
25

26 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 38:**

27 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
28 Request for Admission No. 4.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 39:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded Request for Admission No. 5.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 40:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded Request for Admission No. 6.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced

1 to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and
2 control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

3 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 41:**

4 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
5 Request for Admission No. 7.

6 **RESPONSE:**

7 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in
8 its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions,
9 Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this
10 Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI.
11 Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its
12 possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their
13 direct access.

14 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 42:**

15 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
16 Request for Admission No. 8.

17 **RESPONSE:**

18 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in
19 its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions,
20 Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this
21 Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI.
22 Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its
23 possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their
24 direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 43:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded Request for Admission No. 9.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 44:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded Request for Admission No. 10.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 45:

1 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
2 Request for Admission No. 11.

3 **RESPONSE:**

4
5 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in
6 its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions,
7 Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this
8 Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI.
9 Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its
10 possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their
11 direct access.
12

13 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 46:**

14 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
15 Request for Admission No. 12.

16 **RESPONSE:**

17
18 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in
19 its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions,
20 Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this
21 Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI.
22 Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its
23 possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their
24 direct access.
25

26 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 47:**

27 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
28 Request for Admission No. 13.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 48:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded Request for Admission No. 14.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 49:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded Request for Admission No. 15.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to

Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 50:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
Request for Admission No. 16.

RESPONSE:

Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to
this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI.
Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its
possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their
direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 51:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
Request for Admission No. 17.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee is
examining its books and records in response to Request for Admission No. 17, and will
supplement its response to this Request.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 52:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
Request for Admission No. 18.

RESPONSE:

1 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee is
2 examining its books and records in response to Request for Admission No. 18, and will
3 supplement its response to this Request.
4

5 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 53:**

6 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
7 Request for Admission No. 19.

8 **RESPONSE:**

9 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee is
10 examining its books and records in response to Request for Admission No. 19, and will
11 supplement its response to this Request.
12

13 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 54:**

14 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
15 Request for Admission No. 20.
16

17 **RESPONSE:**

18 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee is
19 examining its books and records in response to Request for Admission No. 20, and will
20 supplement its response to this Request.
21

22 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 55:**

23 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
24 Request for Admission No. 21.

25 **RESPONSE:**

26 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee is
27 examining its books and records in response to Request for Admission No. 21 and will
28 supplement its response to this Request.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 56:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
Request for Admission No. 22.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee is
examining its books and records in response to Request for Admission No. 22, and will
supplement its response to this Request.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 57:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
Request for Admission No. 23.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee is
examining its books and records in response to Request for Admission No. 23, and will
supplement its response to this Request.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 58:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
Request for Admission No. 24.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee is
examining its books and records in response to Request for Admission No. 24 and will
supplement its response to this Request.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 59:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
Request for Admission No. 25.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee is examining its books and records in response to Request for Admission No. 25, and will supplement its response to this Request.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 60:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded Request for Admission No. 26.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee is examining its books and records in response to Request for Admission No. 26, and will supplement its response to this Request.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 61:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded Request for Admission No. 27.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee is examining its books and records in response to Request for Admission No. 27, and will supplement its response to this Request.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 62:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded Request for Admission No. 28.

RESPONSE:

1 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee is
2 examining its books and records in response to Request for Admission No. 28, and will
3 supplement its response to this Request.
4

5 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 63:**

6 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
7 Request for Admission No. 29.

8 **RESPONSE:**

9 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee is
10 examining its books and records in response to Request for Admission No. 29, and will
11 supplement its response to this Request.
12

13 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 64:**

14 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
15 Request for Admission No, 30.
16

17 **RESPONSE:**

18 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in
19 its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions,
20 Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this
21 Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI.
22 Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its
23 possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their
24 direct access.
25

26 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 65:**

27 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
28 Request for Admission No, 31.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 66:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded Request for Admission No. 32.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 67:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded Request for Admission No. 33.

RESPONSE:

1 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in
2 its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions,
3 Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this
4 Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI.
5 Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its
6 possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their
7 direct access.
8

9 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 68:**

10 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
11 Request for Admission No. 34.
12

13 **RESPONSE:**

14 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in
15 its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions,
16 Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this
17 Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI.
18 Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its
19 possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their
20 direct access.
21

22 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 69:**

23 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
24 Request for Admission No. 35.
25

26 **RESPONSE:**

27 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds
28 that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee

1 further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced
2 to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and
3 control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
4

5 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 70:**

6 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
7 Request for Admission No. 36.

8 **RESPONSE:**

9 Trustee objects to this Request on the basis that it cannot confirm or deny
10 Request for Admission No. 36 at this time.
11

12 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 71:**

13 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
14 Request for Admission No. 37.
15

16 **RESPONSE:**

17 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds
18 that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee
19 further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced
20 to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and
21 control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
22

23 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 72:**

24 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
25 Request for Admission No, 38.
26

27 **RESPONSE:**

28 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in
its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions,

Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 73:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded Request for Admission No. 39.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 74:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded Request for Admission No. 40.

RESPONSE:

Trustee objects to this Request to the extent it has not admitted or denied Request for Admission No. 39. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI.

Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 75:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded Request for Admission No. 41.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 76:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded Request for Admission No. 42.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its

1 possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their
2 direct access.

3 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 77:**
4

5 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
6 Request for Admission No. 43.

7 **RESPONSE:**
8

9 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in
10 its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions,
11 Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this
12 Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI.
13 Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its
14 possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their
15 direct access.
16

17 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 78:**
18

19 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
20 Request for Admission No. 44.

21 **RESPONSE:**
22

23 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds
24 that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee
25 further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced
26 to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and
27 control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
28

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 79:

1 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
2 Request for Admission No. 45.

3 **RESPONSE:**

4
5 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds
6 that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee
7 further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced
8 to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and
9 control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

10 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 80:**

11
12 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
13 Request for Admission No. 46.

14 **RESPONSE:**

15
16 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds
17 that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee
18 further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced
19 to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and
20 control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

21 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 81:**

22
23 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
24 Request for Admission No. 47.

25 **RESPONSE:**

26
27 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds
28 that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee
further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced

1 to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and
2 control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

3 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 82:**

4 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
5 Request for Admission No. 48.

6 **RESPONSE:**

7 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds
8 that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee
9 further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced
10 to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and
11 control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
12

13 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 83:**

14 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
15 Request for Admission No. 49.

16 **RESPONSE:**

17 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds
18 that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee
19 further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced
20 to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and
21 control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
22

23 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 84:**

24 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
25 Request for Admission No. 50.

26 **RESPONSE:**

1 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds
2 that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee
3 further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced
4 to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and
5 control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
6

7 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 85:**

8 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
9 Request for Admission No. 51.
10

11 **RESPONSE:**

12 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds
13 that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee
14 further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced
15 to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and
16 control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
17

18 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 86:**

19 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
20 Request for Admission No. 52.
21

22 **RESPONSE:**

23 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds
24 that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee
25 further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced
26 to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and
27 control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
28

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 87:

1 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
2 Request for Admission No. 53.

3 **RESPONSE:**

4
5 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds
6 that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee
7 further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced
8 to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and
9 control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
10

11 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 88:**

12 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
13 Request for Admission No. 54.

14 **RESPONSE:**

15 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds
16 that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee
17 further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced
18 to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and
19 control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
20

21 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 89:**

22 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
23 Request for Admission No. 55.

24 **RESPONSE:**

25
26 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds
27 that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee
28 further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced

1 to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and
2 control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

3 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 90:**

4 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
5 Request for Admission No. 56.

6 **RESPONSE:**

7 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds
8 that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee
9 further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced
10 to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and
11 control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
12

13 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 91:**

14 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
15 Request for Admission No. 57.

16 **RESPONSE:**

17 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds
18 that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee
19 further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced
20 to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and
21 control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
22

23 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 92:**

24 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
25 Request for Admission No. 58.

26 **RESPONSE:**

1 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in
2 its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions,
3 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds that it
4 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
5 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
6 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
7 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
8

9 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 93:**

10 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
11 Request for Admission No. 59.
12

13 **RESPONSE:**

14 Trustee objects to this Request to the extent it has not denied Request for
15 Admission No. 59.
16

17 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 94:**

18 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
19 Request for Admission No. 60.
20

21 **RESPONSE:**

22 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in
23 its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions,
24 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds that it
25 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
26 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
27 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
28 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 95:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
Request for Admission No. 61.

RESPONSE:

Trustee objects to this Request to the extent it has not admitted or denied
Request for Admission No. 61.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 96:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
Request for Admission No. 62.

RESPONSE:

Trustee objects to this Request to the extent it has not admitted or denied
Request for Admission No. 62.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 97:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
Request for Admission No. 63.

RESPONSE:

Trustee objects to this Request to the extent it has not admitted or denied
Request for Admission No. 63.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 98:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
Request for Admission No. 64.

RESPONSE:

Trustee objects to this Request to the extent it has not admitted or denied
Request for Admission No. 64.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 99:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
Request for Admission No. 65.

RESPONSE:

Trustee objects to this Request to the extent it has not admitted or denied
Request for Admission No. 65.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 100:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
Request for Admission No. 66.

RESPONSE:

Trustee objects to this Request to the extent it has not admitted or denied
Request for Admission No. 66.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 101:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
Request for Admission No. 67.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in
its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions,
Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this
Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI.
Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its
possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their
direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 102:

1 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
2 Request for Admission No. 68.

3 **RESPONSE:**

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5 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein and objections in
6 its Objections and Responses to Defendants' First Set of Requests for Admissions,
7 Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this
8 Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI.
9 Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its
10 possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their
11 direct access.
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13 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 103:**

14 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
15 Request for Admission No. 69.

16 **RESPONSE:**

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18 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections herein, Trustee responds
19 that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee
20 further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced
21 to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and
22 control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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24 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 104:**

25 All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded
26 Request for Admission No. 70.

27 **RESPONSE:**

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Trustee objects to this Request to the extent it has not denied Request for Admission No. 70.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 105:

All DOCUMENTS sufficient to support any denial of concurrently propounded Request for Admission No. 71.

RESPONSE:

Trustee objects to this Request as Defendants have not concurrently propounded a Request for Admission No. 71.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 106:

All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that CTG did not receive reasonably equivalent value for the \$1,054,753.85 transferred to Grant Thornton, LLP, as alleged in paragraph 161 of the COMPLAINT.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 107:

All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that CTG did not receive reasonably equivalent value for the \$789,579.14 transferred to Holland & Knight, as alleged in paragraph 162 of the COMPLAINT.

RESPONSE:

1 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
2 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
3 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
4 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
5 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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7 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 108:**

8 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that CTG did not receive
9 reasonably equivalent value for the \$1,959,987.31 transferred to Fidus Investment
10 Corporation and Fidus Mezzanine Capital II, L.P, as alleged in paragraph 163 of the
11 COMPLAINT.
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13 **RESPONSE:**

14 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
15 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
16 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
17 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
18 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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20 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 109:**

21 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that CTG did not receive
22 reasonably equivalent value for the \$1,957,300.44 transferred to Avante Mezzanine
23 Partners SBIC, LP and Avante Mezzanine Partners II, Inc., as alleged in paragraph 164
24 of the COMPLAINT.
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26 **RESPONSE:**

27 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
28 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further

1 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
2 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
3 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

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5 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 110:**

6 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that CTG did not receive
7 reasonably equivalent value for the \$33,248,711.36 transferred to CIT BANK, N.A., as
8 alleged in paragraph 165 of the COMPLAINT.

9 **RESPONSE:**

10 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
11 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
12 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
13 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
14 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

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17 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 111:**

18 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that CTG did not receive
19 reasonably equivalent value for the \$7,576,027.49 transferred to Gladstone Investment
20 Corporation, as alleged in paragraph 166 of the COMPLAINT.

21 **RESPONSE:**

22 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
23 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
24 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
25 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
26 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

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28 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 112:**

1 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that CTG did not receive
2 reasonably equivalent value for the \$50,000.00 transferred to Raymond James, as
3 alleged in paragraph 167 of the COMPLAINT.
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5 **RESPONSE:**

6 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
7 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
8 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
9 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
10 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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12 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 113:**

13 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that CTG did not receive
14 reasonably equivalent value for the \$1,984,330.21 transferred to Blue Wolf Capital
15 Partners, as alleged in paragraph 168 of the COMPLAINT.
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17 **RESPONSE:**

18 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
19 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
20 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
21 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
22 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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24 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 114:**

25 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that CTG did not receive
26 reasonably equivalent value for the \$36,995.00 transferred to Duff & Phelps, as alleged
27 in paragraph 169 of the COMPLAINT.
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RESPONSE:

1 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
2 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
3 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
4 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
5 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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7 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 115:**

8 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that CTG did not receive
9 reasonably equivalent value for the \$165,365.86 transferred to McDermott Will &
10 Emery, LLP, as alleged in paragraph 170 of the COMPLAINT.
11

12 **RESPONSE:**

13 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
14 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
15 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
16 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
17 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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19 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 116:**

20 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that CTG did not receive
21 reasonably equivalent value for the \$49,022.75 transferred to Dorsey & Whitney, LLP,
22 as alleged in paragraph 171 of the COMPLAINT.
23

24 **RESPONSE:**

25 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
26 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
27 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
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1 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
2 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

3 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 117:**

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5 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "CTG transferred the above-
6 listed property in order to benefit insiders of CTG, including BW Piezo and entities
7 owned by Blue Wolf Capital Partners," as alleged in paragraph 172 of the COMPLAINT.

8 **RESPONSE:**

9
10 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
11 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
12 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
13 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
14 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

15 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 118:**

16
17 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "CTG did not receive any
18 reasonably equivalent value for the above-listed transfers," as alleged in paragraph 175
19 of the COMPLAINT.

20 **RESPONSE:**

21
22 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
23 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
24 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
25 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
26 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

27 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 119:**

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1 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "Blue Wolf Capital
2 Partners, acting through its shell companies, principals, including Adam Blumenthal,
3 Charles Miller, Haranjeet Narulla, and Chris Ranson, and BW Piezo, wrongfully
4 exercised dominion or control over the property and distributed to itself the proceeds
5 from selling CTG's assets," as alleged in paragraph 245 of the COMPLAINT.
6

7 **RESPONSE:**

8 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
9 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
10 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
11 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
12 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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14 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 120:**

15 All DOCUMENTS that support your contention that "BW Piezo breached this
16 duty by engaging in the following conduct, which includes but is not limited to:
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- 18 • Self-dealing, including but not limited to,
- 19 o Pursuing their self-interests at the expense of CTG and their obligations as
20 fiduciaries;
- 21 o Misdirecting CTG funds to pay for undue benefits and distributions for
22 themselves; and
- 23 o Using the advantage of their position to misappropriate CTG's assets and
24 proceeds from the sale of the same to themselves; and
- 25
- 26 • Engaging in transactions on behalf of themselves that were not fair and 2g equitable
27 to CTG and violated their fiduciary duties to CTG.
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- Diverting funds that would have been retained by CTG, thereby rendering CTG insolvent and unable to pay its debts to its creditors.
- Making improper corporate distribution in violation of California Corporate Code sections 17704.05-.06," as alleged in paragraph 249 of the COMPLAINT.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 121:

All DOCUMENTS relating to the alleged payments made by CTG to CIT BANK, N.A., as alleged in Schedule B of the COMPLAINT.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 122:

All DOCUMENTS upon which YOU relied in responding to Defendants' First Set of Interrogatories to YOU, served concurrently herewith.

RESPONSE:

1 Subject to and without waiver of any objections asserted in response to
2 Defendants' First Set of Interrogatories, Trustee responds that it has or will produce
3 tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this
4 Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all
5 electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the
6 Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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8 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 123:**

9 All DOCUMENTS relating to any settlement agreements executed between YOU
10 and Gladstone Investment Corporation.
11

12 **RESPONSE:**

13 Trustee objects to this Request to the extent it seeks information that is neither
14 relevant, reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, nor
15 proportional to the needs of the case. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing
16 objections, the Trustee responds that no responsive documents exist.
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18 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 124:**

19 All DOCUMENTS relating to any settlement agreements executed between YOU
20 and Fidus Investment Corporation.
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22 **RESPONSE:**

23 Trustee objects to this Request to the extent it seeks information that is neither
24 relevant, reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, nor
25 proportional to the needs of the case.
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27 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 125:**

28 All DOCUMENTS relating to any settlement agreements executed between YOU
and Fidus Mezzanine Capital II, L.P.

RESPONSE:

Trustee objects to this Request to the extent it seeks information that is neither relevant, reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, nor proportional to the needs of the case.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 126:

All DOCUMENTS relating to any settlement agreements executed between YOU and Avante Mezzanine Partners SBIC, LP.

RESPONSE:

Trustee objects to this Request to the extent it seeks information that is neither relevant, reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, nor proportional to the needs of the case.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 127:

All DOCUMENTS relating to any settlement agreements executed between YOU and Avante Mezzanine Partners II, Inc.

RESPONSE:

Trustee objects to this Request to the extent it seeks information that is neither relevant, reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, nor proportional to the needs of the case.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 128:

All DOCUMENTS relating to any settlement agreements executed between YOU and Grant Thornton, LLP.

RESPONSE:

Trustee objects to this Request to the extent it seeks information that is neither relevant, reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, nor proportional to the needs of the case.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 129:

All DOCUMENTS relating to any settlement agreements executed between YOU and Electro Optical Industries, Inc.

RESPONSE:

Trustee objects to this Request to the extent it seeks information that is neither relevant, reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, nor proportional to the needs of the case.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 130:

All DOCUMENTS supporting Blue Wolf Capital Partners, LLC's alleged liability for all the monetary transfers YOU seek to avoid.

RESPONSE:

Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control, and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 131:

All DOCUMENTS supporting Blue Wolf Capital Advisors, L.P.'s alleged liability for all the monetary transfers YOU seek to avoid.

RESPONSE:

1 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
2 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
3 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
4 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
5 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
6

7 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 132:**

8 All DOCUMENTS supporting Blue Wolf Capital Fund II, L.P. 's alleged liability
9 for all the monetary transfers YOU seek to avoid.
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11 **RESPONSE:**

12 Subject to and without waiver of its general objections, Trustee responds that it
13 has or will produce tangible documents responsive to this Request. Trustee further
14 responds that this Request calls for the production of ESI. Trustee has produced to
15 Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control,
16 and the Defendants may search such ESI via their direct access.
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19 Respectfully submitted,

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In re:
CHANNEL TECHNOLOGIES
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CORPORATE RECOVERY
ASSOCIATES, LLC, as Liquidating
Trustee appointed under the confirmed
Chapter 11 plan of Channel
Technologies Group, LLC,
Plaintiff,

v.
BLUE WOLF CAPITAL PARTNERS,
LLC, et al.,
Defendant.

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Chapter 11 Proceeding

**PLAINTIFF’S OBJECTIONS AND
RESPONSES TO BLUE WOLF
CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC,
BLUE WOLF CAPITAL FUND II,
LP, AND BLUE WOLF CAPITAL
ADVISORS, LP’S FIRST SET OF
REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION TO
PLAINTIFF**

1 Plaintiff Corporate Recovery Associates, LLC, as Trustee for the liquidating
2 Trust of Channel Technologies Group, LLC (the "Trustee"), provides the following
3 *Objections and Responses to Defendant Blue Wolf Capital Partners, LLC, Blue Wolf*
4 *Capital Fund II, LP, and Blue Wolf Capital Advisors LP's First Set of Requests for*
5 *Admission*, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 36, and Federal Rules
6 of Bankruptcy Procedure, Rule 7036, as follows:

7 **Preliminary Statement**

8 The Trustee has not completed its investigation relating to this action, has not
9 completed discovery in this action, and has not completed preparation for trial. As
10 discovery proceeds, facts, information, evidence, and documents may be discovered
11 that are not set forth in these responses, but which may have been responsive to
12 Defendant's request. The following objections and responses are based on the Trustee's
13 knowledge, information, and belief at this time and are complete as to the Trustee's
14 best knowledge at this time. The Trustee assumes no obligation to voluntarily
15 supplement or amend these responses to reflect information, evidence, or documents
16 discovered following service of these responses. These responses are given without
17 prejudice to subsequent revision or supplementation based upon any information,
18 evidence, and documentation that may be discovered. The Trustee reserves the right
19 to refer to, conduct discovery with reference to, or to offer into evidence at the time of
20 trial, any and all facts, evidence, or documents developed during the course of discovery
21 and trial preparation notwithstanding the reference to facts, evidence, or documents
22 in these responses.

23 Moreover, these responses were prepared based on the Trustee's good-faith
24 interpretation and understanding of the individual requests and are subject to
25 correction for inadvertent errors or omissions, if any. For instance, the Trustee has
26 answered these requests based on the numeration from the Trustee's Second Amended
27 Complaint.
28

**OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES TO FIRST REQUEST
FOR ADMISSION**

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 1:

Admit that CTG was not insolvent prior to October 2013.

RESPONSE:

The Trustee objects to this Request as the term “insolvent” is not defined rendering the request vague and ambiguous. The request is also overbroad, beyond the scope of issues in dispute in this lawsuit, and unduly burdensome in that it makes a request as to any time prior to “October 2013.” The admission also calls for a legal conclusion and is the subject of expert testimony. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, denied.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 2:

Admit that at no point in 2013 was CTG insolvent.

RESPONSE:

The Trustee objects to this Request as the term “insolvent” is not defined rendering the request vague and ambiguous. The admission also calls for a legal conclusion and is the subject of expert testimony. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, denied.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 3:

Admit that at no point in 2014 was CTG insolvent.

RESPONSE:

The Trustee objects to this Request as the term “insolvent” is not defined rendering the request vague and ambiguous. The admission also calls for a legal

1 conclusion and is the subject of expert testimony. Subject to and without waiver of the
2 foregoing objections, denied.

3 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 4:**

4 Admit that at no point in 2015 was CTG insolvent.

5 **RESPONSE:**

6 The Trustee objects to this Request as the term “insolvent” is not defined
7 rendering the request vague and ambiguous. The admission also calls for a legal
8 conclusion and is the subject of expert testimony. Subject to and without waiver of the
9 foregoing objections, denied.

10 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 5:**

11 Admit that CTG did borrow funds from the CIT BANK, N.A. line of credit.

12 **RESPONSE:**

13 Denied.

14 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 6:**

15 Admit that CTG borrowed \$1,600,000.00 on 1/6/15 from CIT BANK, N.A.

16 **RESPONSE:**

17 Denied.

18 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 7:**

19 Admit that CTG borrowed \$1,750,000.00 on 10/1/15 from CIT BANK, N.A.

20 **RESPONSE:**

21 The Trustee objects to this Request as CTG was not the sole borrower on the
22 lending agreement with One West Bank. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing
23 objections, denied as stated.

24 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 8:**

1 Admit that CTG borrowed \$1,300,000.00 on 10/9/15 from CIT BANK, N.A.

2 **RESPONSE:**

3 The Trustee objects to this Request as CTG was not the sole borrower on the
4 lending agreement with One West Bank. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing
5 objections, denied as stated.
6

7 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 9:**

8 Admit that CTG borrowed \$450,000.00 on 10/28/15 from CIT BANK, N.A.

9 **RESPONSE:**

10 The Trustee objects to this Request as CTG was not the sole borrower on the
11 lending agreement with One West Bank. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing
12 objections, denied as stated.
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14 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 10:**

15 Admit that CTG borrowed \$200,000.00 on 12/23/15 from CIT BANK, N.A.

16 **RESPONSE:**

17 The Trustee objects to this Request as CTG was not the sole borrower on the
18 lending agreement with One West Bank. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing
19 objections, denied as stated.
20

21 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 11:**

22 Admit that CTG borrowed \$1,200,000.00 on 12/30/15 from CIT BANK, N.A.

23 **RESPONSE:**

24 The Trustee objects to this Request as CTG was not the sole borrower on the
25 lending agreement with One West Bank. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing
26 objections, denied as stated.
27

28 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 12:**

1 Admit that CTG borrowed \$950,000.00 on 1/5/16 from CIT BANK, N.A.

2 **RESPONSE:**

3 The Trustee objects to this Request as CTG was not the sole borrower on the
4 lending agreement with One West Bank. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing
5 objections, denied as stated.
6

7 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 13:**

8 Admit that CTG borrowed \$1,000,000.00 on 1/27/16 from CIT BANK, N.A.

9 **RESPONSE:**

10 The Trustee objects to this Request as CTG was not the sole borrower on the
11 lending agreement with One West Bank. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing
12 objections, denied as stated.
13

14 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 14:**

15 Admit that on or about the time that the CIT BANK, N.A. loan referenced in
16 paragraph 32 of the COMPLAINT was made, that bank line owing by CTG to Gladstone
17 Investment Corp. in the amount of \$16,759,882.64 was paid off using loan proceeds from
18 CIT BANK, N.A.
19

20 **RESPONSE:**

21 Denied.
22

23 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 15:**

24 Admit that during the time the CIT BANK, N.A. line was open, CTG made direct
25 borrowings under that line of \$34,060,440.90.

26 **RESPONSE:**

27 Denied as stated.
28

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 16:

1 Admit CTG did not make a payment of \$89,000 on 1/28/15 to CIT BANK, N.A.

2 **RESPONSE:**

3 Admitted as to a payment made by CTG in the amount of \$89,000 to OneWest
4 Bank. Denied as to the remainder because this payment was made on 9/29/2014.

5 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 17:**

6 Admit CTG did not make a payment of \$11,853.34 on 10/22/15 to CIT BANK,
7 N.A.

8 **RESPONSE:**

9 Trustee admits that this payment does not appear on bank statements; however
10 Trust is examining this payment in its books and records and will supplement its
11 response to this Request.

12 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 18:**

13 Admit CTG did not make a payment of \$1,580.44 on 10/22/15 to CIT BANK, N.A.

14 **RESPONSE:**

15 Trustee admits that this payment does not appear on bank statements; however
16 Trust is examining this payment in its books and records and will supplement its
17 response to this Request.

18 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 19:**

19 Admit CTG did not make a payment of \$9,815.49 on 12/9/15 to CIT BANK, N.A.

20 **RESPONSE:**

21 Trustee admits that this payment does not appear on bank statements; however
22 Trust is examining this payment in its books and records and will supplement its
23 response to this Request.

24 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 20:**

1 Admit CTG did not make a payment of \$ 11,111.87 on 12/9/15 to CIT BANK, N.A.

2 **RESPONSE:**

3 Trustee admits that this payment does not appear on bank statements; however
4 Trust is examining this payment in its books and records and will supplement its
5 response to this Request.
6

7 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 21:**

8 Admit CTG did not make a payment of \$2,190.97 on 12/31/15 to CIT BANK, N.A.

9 **RESPONSE:**

10 Trustee admits that this payment does not appear on bank statements; however
11 Trust is examining this payment in its books and records and will supplement its
12 response to this Request.
13

14 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 22:**

15 Admit CTG did not make a payment of \$842.36 on 12/31/15 to CIT BANK, N.A.

16 **RESPONSE:**

17 Trustee admits that this payment does not appear on bank statements; however
18 Trust is examining this payment in its books and records and will supplement its
19 response to this Request.
20

21 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 23:**

22 Admit CTG did not make a payment of \$59,031.17 on 12/31/15 to CIT BANK, N.A.

23 **RESPONSE:**

24 Trustee admits that this payment does not appear on bank statements; however
25 Trust is examining this payment in its books and records and will supplement its
26 response to this Request.
27

28 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 24:**

1 Admit CTG did not make a payment of \$9,616.43 on 12/31/15 to CIT BANK, N.A.

2 **RESPONSE:**

3 Trustee admits that this payment does not appear on bank statements; however
4 Trust is examining this payment in its books and records and will supplement its
5 response to this Request.
6

7 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 25:**

8 Admit CTG did not make a payment of \$44,437.50 on 12/31/15 to CIT BANK, N.A.

9 **RESPONSE:**

10 Trustee admits that this payment does not appear on bank statements; however
11 Trust is examining this payment in its books and records and will supplement its
12 response to this Request.
13

14 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 26:**

15 Admit CTG did not make a payment of \$12,679.17 on 12/31/15 to CIT BANK,
16 N.A.
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18 **RESPONSE:**

19 Trustee admits that this payment does not appear on bank statements; however
20 Trust is examining this payment in its books and records and will supplement its
21 response to this Request.
22

23 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 27:**

24 Admit CTG did not make a payment of \$825,833.92 on 12/31/15 to CIT BANK,
25 N.A.

26 **RESPONSE:**

Trustee admits that this payment does not appear on bank statements; however Trust is examining this payment in its books and records and will supplement its response to this Request.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 28:

Admit CTG did not make a payment of \$ 957.18 on 12/31/15 to CIT BANK, N.A.

RESPONSE:

Trustee admits that this payment does not appear on bank statements; however Trust is examining this payment in its books and records and will supplement its response to this Request.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 29:

Admit CTG did not make a payment of \$1,690.55 on 12/31/15 to CIT BANK, N.A.

RESPONSE:

Trustee admits that this payment does not appear on bank statements; however Trust is examining this payment in its books and records and will supplement its response to this Request.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 30:

Admit that CTG did not pay any interest on the monies that CTG borrowed from CIT BANK, N.A.

RESPONSE:

The Trustee objects to this Request as CTG was not the sole borrower on the lending agreement with One West Bank. The Trustee further objects that the Request is overbroad, beyond the scope of issues in dispute in this lawsuit, and unduly burdensome in that it is not limited in scope or time. Trustee further objects to this Request to the extent it seeks information that is neither relevant, reasonably

1 calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, nor proportional to the needs
2 of the case. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, denied as stated.

3 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 31:**

4
5 Admit that all interest on the monies that CTG borrowed from CIT BANK, N.A.
6 were paid by Blue Wolf Piezo Holdings, LLC and/or ADVANCED MATERIALS.

7 **RESPONSE:**

8 The Trustee objects to this Request as CTG was not the sole borrower on the
9 lending agreement with One West Bank. The Trustee further objects that the Request
10 is overbroad, beyond the scope of issues in dispute in this lawsuit, and unduly
11 burdensome in that it is not limited in scope or time. Trustee further objects to this
12 Request to the extent it seeks information that is neither relevant, reasonably
13 calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, nor proportional to the needs
14 of the case. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, denied as stated.

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16 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 32:**

17
18 Admit that as of the close of the sale of ADVANCED MATERIALS, the CIT
19 BANK, N.A. line was repaid in full using monies directly provided by CTS Corporation.

20 **RESPONSE:**

21 The Trustee objects to this Request as CTG was not the sole borrower on the
22 lending agreement with One West Bank. Trustee further objects to this Request to the
23 extent it seeks information that is neither relevant, reasonably calculated to lead to the
24 discovery of admissible evidence, nor proportional to the needs of the case. Subject to
25 and without waiver of the foregoing objections, admitted.

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27 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 33:**

1 Admit that as of the close of the ADVANCED MATERIALS sale, all loan
2 obligating owing by CTG were paid off in full using proceeds from the sale of
3 ADVANCED MATERIALS.

4
5 **RESPONSE:**

6 The Trustee objects to this Request as CTG was not the sole borrower on the
7 lending agreement with One West Bank. Trustee further objects to this Request to the
8 extent it seeks information that is neither relevant, reasonably calculated to lead to the
9 discovery of admissible evidence, nor proportional to the needs of the case. Trustee
10 further objects that the Request is the subject of expert testimony. Subject to and
11 without waiver of the foregoing objections, denied as stated.

12
13 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 34:**

14 Admit that from the time of the formation of ADVANCED MATERIALS through
15 the time of the sale of ADVANCED MATERIALS, over \$12,000,000.00 of profits from
16 ADVANCED MATERIALS were used to pay off CTG obligations.

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18 **RESPONSE:**

19 The Trustee objects to this Request as the terms “profits” and “obligations” are
20 not defined rendering the request vague and ambiguous. The request is also overbroad,
21 beyond the scope of issues in dispute in this lawsuit, and unduly burdensome in that it
22 makes a request as to any time “from the time of the formation of ADVANCED
23 MATERIALS through the time of the sale of ADVANCED MATERIALS.” The
24 admission also is the subject of expert testimony as to “profits” and “obligations” of CTG.
25 Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, denied.

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27 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 35:**
28

1 Admit that CTG used \$376,000 of proceeds from the sale of ADVANCED
2 MATERIALS to make its rent payments.

3 **RESPONSE:**

4
5 Denied as stated upon information and belief. Notwithstanding this denial,
6 Trustee has requested closing documents to confirm if rent payments were made from
7 proceeds of the sale.

8 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 36:**

9 Admit that a capital contribution of \$1,000,000.00 was made to CTG on 3/11/16.

10 **RESPONSE:**

11
12 The Trustee does not have sufficient information to admit or deny at this time.
13 Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to amend and/or supplement
14 this response.

15 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 37:**

16 Admit that CTG and ADVANCED MATERIALS filed consolidated tax returns.

17 **RESPONSE:**

18 Denied as stated.

19 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 38:**

20 Admit that Grant Thornton LLP provided accounting and financial services to
21 Blue Wolf Piezo Holdings, LLC, CTG, and ADVANCED MATERIALS.

22 **RESPONSE:**

23
24 Trustee admits that Grant Thornton provided services to Blue Wolf Piezo and
25 Advanced Materials. Plaintiff believes that none of these services provided any benefit
26 to CTG, which did not have to file a tax return. CTG, however, has requested a copy of
27 Grant Thornton's files related to this work and reserves the right to review that work
28

1 and confirm its belief. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to
2 amend and/or supplement this response.

3 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 39:**

4 Admit that Holland & Knight LLP provided legal services to CTG.

5 **RESPONSE:**

6 Trustee admits that Holland & Knight LLP provided some legal services to CTG.
7 Trustee denies this Request to the extent the Request relies upon bills to CTG to identify
8 which legal services were provided to CTG. Trustee believes that the majority of the
9 services billed to CTG were for services provided to Blue Wolf Piezo or Advanced
10 Materials. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to amend and/or
11 supplement this response.

12 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 40:**

13 Admit that \$6,901,369.25 of payments of CTG's loan from Gladstone Investment
14 Corp. were made before ADVANCED MATERIALS was acquired.

15 **RESPONSE:**

16 Trustee objects to this Request as vague and ambiguous as to the time period this
17 Request covers. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objection, Trustee invites
18 the Blue Wolf Entities to discuss the parameters of this Request and may amend or
19 supplement its response accordingly.

20 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 41:**

21 Admit that at the time payments were made to Gladstone Investment Corp. in
22 2012, CTG was not insolvent.

23 **RESPONSE:**

1 The Trustee objects to this Request as the term “insolvent” is not defined
2 rendering the request vague and ambiguous. The admission also calls for a legal
3 conclusion and is the subject of expert testimony. Subject to and without waiver of the
4 foregoing objections, denied.
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6 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 42:**

7 Admit that McDermott & Emery LLP provided legal services to CTG.

8 **RESPONSE:**

9 Trustee denies this Request to the extent the Request relies upon bills to CTG to
10 identify which legal services were provided to CTG. Trustee believes that the majority
11 of the services billed to CTG were for services provided to Blue Wolf Piezo or Advanced
12 Materials. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to amend and/or
13 supplement this response.
14

15 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 43:**

16 Admit that Dorsey & Whitney LLP provided legal services to CTG.

17 **RESPONSE:**

18 Trustee denies this Request to the extent the Request relies upon bills to CTG to
19 identify which legal services were provided to CTG. Trustee believes that the majority
20 of the services billed to CTG were for services provided to Blue Wolf Piezo or Advanced
21 Materials. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to amend and/or
22 supplement this response.
23

24 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 44:**

25 Admit that none of "CTG's cash" was used to pay for the acquisition of
26 ADVANCED MATERIALS, as alleged in paragraph 35 of the COMPLAINT.
27

28 **RESPONSE:**

1 Denied as stated.

2 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 45:**

3 Admit that in computing the transfers listed in Schedule B of the COMPLAINT,
4 YOU included duplicate transfers totaling \$5,834,527.96.
5

6 **RESPONSE:**

7 Denied as stated. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to
8 amend and/or supplement this response.
9

10 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 46:**

11 Admit that in computing the transfers listed in Schedule B of the COMPLAINT,
12 YOU included a duplicate transfer of \$105,877.54 on 8/28/14.

13 **RESPONSE:**

14 Denied as stated. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to
15 amend and/or supplement this response.
16

17 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 47:**

18 Admit that in computing the transfers listed in Schedule B of the COMPLAINT,
19 YOU included a duplicate transfer of \$111,684.22 on 10/31/14.

20 **RESPONSE:**

21 Denied as stated. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to
22 amend and/or supplement this response.
23

24 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 48:**

25 Admit that in computing the transfers listed in Schedule B of the COMPLAINT,
26 YOU included a duplicate transfer of \$100,876.07 on 11/25/14.

27 **RESPONSE:**
28

1 Denied as stated. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to
2 amend and/or supplement this response.

3 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 49:**

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5 Admit that in computing the transfers listed in Schedule B of the COMPLAINT,
6 YOU included a duplicate transfer of \$700,200.39 on 12/31/14.

7 **RESPONSE:**

8 Denied as stated. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to
9 amend and/or supplement this response.

10 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 50:**

11
12 Admit that in computing the transfers listed in Schedule B of the COMPLAINT,
13 YOU included a duplicate transfer of \$700,000.00 on 12/31/14.

14 **RESPONSE:**

15 Denied as stated. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to
16 amend and/or supplement this response.

17 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 51:**

18
19 Admit that in computing the transfers listed in Schedule B of the COMPLAINT,
20 YOU included a duplicate transfer of \$97,911.92 on 4/30/15.

21 **RESPONSE:**

22
23 Denied as stated. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to
24 amend and/or supplement this response.

25 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 52:**

26 Admit that in computing the transfers listed in Schedule B of the COMPLAINT,
27 YOU included a duplicate transfer of \$94,859.23 on 5/28/15.

28 **RESPONSE:**

1 Denied as stated. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to
2 amend and/or supplement this response.

3 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 53:**
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5 Admit that in computing the transfers listed in Schedule B of the COMPLAINT,
6 YOU included a duplicate transfer of \$650,371.04 on 6/30/15.

7 **RESPONSE:**
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9 Denied as stated. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to
10 amend and/or supplement this response.

11 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 54:**
12

13 Admit that in computing the transfers listed in Schedule B of the COMPLAINT,
14 YOU included a duplicate transfer of \$99,370.29 on 7/30/15.

15 **RESPONSE:**
16

17 Denied as stated. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to
18 amend and/or supplement this response.

19 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 55:**
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21 Admit that in computing the transfers listed in Schedule B of the COMPLAINT,
22 YOU included a duplicate transfer of \$545,672.82 on 9/30/15.

23 **RESPONSE:**
24

25 Denied as stated. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to
26 amend and/or supplement this response.

27 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 56:**
28

Admit that in computing the transfers listed in Schedule B of the COMPLAINT,
YOU included a duplicate transfer of \$94,295.90 on 10/30/15.

RESPONSE:

1 Denied as stated. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to
2 amend and/or supplement this response.

3 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 57:**

4
5 Admit that in computing the transfers listed in Schedule B of the COMPLAINT,
6 YOU included a duplicate transfer of \$97,322.88 on 11/30/15.

7 **RESPONSE:**

8 Denied as stated. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to
9 amend and/or supplement this response.

10 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 58:**

11
12 Admit that ADVANCED MATERIALS' business office was located in Bowling
13 Brook, Illinois.

14 **RESPONSE:**

15 Trustee objects that this Request is vague and ambiguous as to the term
16 “business office.” Trustee further objects to this Request as vague and ambiguous as to
17 the location “Bowling Brook, Illinois.” Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing
18 objections, denied as stated.

19 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 59:**

20
21 Admit that CTG's business office was located in Santa Barbara, California.

22 **RESPONSE:**

23
24 Admitted.

25 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 60:**

26 Admit that the products sold by ADVANCED MATERIALS were different than
27 the products sold by CTG.

28 **RESPONSE:**

Trustee objects to this Request as overbroad, vague, beyond the scope of issues in dispute in this lawsuit, and irrelevant. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, the Trustee is without sufficient information to admit or deny that the products sold by CTG were different than products sold by Advanced Materials to the extent it requires Trustee to understand each and every product sold by CTG and Advanced Materials.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 61:

Admit that invoices sent to ADVANCED MATERIALS' customers referenced ADVANCED MATERIALS and did not reference CTG.

RESPONSE:

Plaintiff is without sufficient information to respond at this time to answer this request because it does not have access to a list of all of the customers of CTG-Advanced Materials. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to amend and/or supplement this response.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 62:

Admit that invoices sent to CTG's customers referenced CTG and did not reference ADVANCED MATERIALS.

RESPONSE:

Plaintiff is without sufficient information to respond at this time to answer this request because it does not have access to a list of all of the customers of CTG-Advanced Materials. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to amend and/or supplement this response.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 63:

1 Admit that no customer of ADVANCED MATERIALS has claimed that it
2 understood it was conducting business with CTG.

3 **RESPONSE:**

4
5 Plaintiff is without sufficient information to respond at this time to answer this
6 request because it does not have access to a list of all of the customers of CTG-Advanced
7 Materials. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to amend and/or
8 supplement this response.

9 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 64:**

10
11 Admit that no customer of CTG has claimed that it understood it was conducting
12 business with ADVANCED MATERIALS.

13 **RESPONSE:**

14 Trustee objects to this Request as the term “customer” is not defined rendering
15 the request vague and ambiguous. The Request is also overbroad, vague, beyond the
16 scope of issues in dispute in this lawsuit, and unduly burdensome in that it makes a
17 request as to any or “no” “customer.” Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing
18 objections, the Trustee is without sufficient information to admit or deny facts not
19 within its knowledge.
20

21 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 65:**

22
23 Admit that CTG and ADVANCED MATERIALS had separate phone numbers
24 and phone systems.

25 **RESPONSE:**

26 The Trustee is without sufficient information to admit or deny.

27 **REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 66:**

28 Admit that CTG and ADVANCED MATERIALS had separate customers.

RESPONSE:

Plaintiff is without sufficient information to respond at this time to answer this request because it does not have access to a list of all of the customers of CTG-Advanced Materials. Because discovery is ongoing, Trustee reserves the right to amend and/or supplement this response.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 67:

Admit that CTG and ADVANCED MATERIALS had separate bank accounts.

RESPONSE:

Admitted to the extent that each entity had some accounts in its own name, but denied that the entities maintained separate accounts because money was transferred back and forth between the various accounts of the entities.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 68:

Admit that CTG and ADVANCED MATERIALS had separate books and records.

RESPONSE:

Trustee objects that this Request is vague and ambiguous as to the term “books and record.” Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, denied as stated.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 69:

Admit that CTG and ADVANCED MATERIALS had separate presidents.

RESPONSE:

Denied.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 70:

Admit that CTG and ADVANCED MATERIALS had separate controllers.

RESPONSE:

Admitted as to separate controllers that both reported to the CFO of CTG.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF DALLAS

I am employed in the County of Dallas, State of Texas. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is 2100 Ross Avenue, Suite 2700, Dallas, Texas 75201.

On January 28, 2021, I caused the document described below as **PLAINTIFF'S OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES TO BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' FIRST SET OF REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS** to be served on all interested parties in this action via email:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed on January 28, 2021, at Dallas, Texas.

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CORPORATE RECOVERY
ASSOCIATES, LLC, as Liquidating
Trustee appointed under the
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Plaintiff,

v.

BLUE WOLF CAPITAL PARTNERS,
LLC, et al.,

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Chapter 11 Proceeding

**PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED
OBJECTIONS AND ANSWERS TO
DEFENDANTS BLUE WOLF CAPITAL
PARTNERS, LLC, BLUE WOLF
CAPITAL FUND II, LP, AND BLUE
WOLF CAPITAL ADVISORS LP'S
FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES
TO PLAINTIFF**

1
2 Plaintiff Corporate Recovery Associates, LLC, as Trustee for the liquidating
3 Trust of Channel Technologies Group, LLC (the “Trustee”), provides the following *First*
4 *Amended Objections and Answers to Defendant Blue Wolf Capital Partners, LLC, Blue*
5 *Wolf Capital Fund II, LP, and Blue Wolf Capital Advisors LP’s First Set of*
6 *Interrogatories to Plaintiff*, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 33, and
7 Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Rule 7033, as follows:

8 **Preliminary Statement**

9 The Trustee has not completed its investigation relating to this action, has not
10 completed discovery in this action, and has not completed preparation for trial. As
11 discovery proceeds, facts, information, evidence, and documents may be discovered
12 that are not set forth in these responses, but which may have been responsive to
13 Defendant’s request. The following objections and responses are based on the Trustee’s
14 knowledge, information, and belief at this time and are complete as to the Trustee’s
15 best knowledge at this time. The Trustee assumes no obligation to voluntarily
16 supplement or amend these responses to reflect information, evidence, or documents
17 discovered following service of these responses. These responses are given without
18 prejudice to subsequent revision or supplementation based upon any information,
19 evidence, and documentation that may be discovered. The Trustee reserves the right
20 to refer to, conduct discovery with reference to, or to offer into evidence at the time of
21 trial, any and all facts, evidence, or documents developed during the course of discovery
22 and trial preparation notwithstanding the reference to facts, evidence, or documents
23 in these responses.

24 Moreover, these responses were prepared based on the Trustee’s good-faith
25 interpretation and understanding of the individual requests and are subject to
26 correction for inadvertent errors or omissions, if any. For instance, the Trustee has
27 answered these requests based on the numeration from the Trustee’s “Second
28 Amended Complaint.”

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

1. Possession, Custody, and Control of Documents and Information: Trustee objects to each Request, including each instruction and/or definition contained in the Requests, that seeks information not in the possession, custody, or control of Trustee. Trustee further objects to each Request, including each instruction and/or definition contained in the Requests, that seeks information that are (1) publicly available, (2) equally available to the Blue Wolf Entities and/or within the Blue Wolf Entities' possession, custody, or control, and/or (3) within the possession, custody, or control of third parties to whom the Blue Wolf Entities may direct discovery.

2. Consistency with Federal Rules, Local Rules and Court Orders: Trustee will respond to the Requests in accordance with the Federal Rules, the Local Rules and any relevant Court order that has been entered in this action. To the extent the Requests, including the definitions and instructions therein, seek to increase or otherwise modify Trustee's obligations under the Federal Rules, the Federal Rules of Evidence, the Local Rules, any relevant Court order, or any applicable law, Trustee objects on the grounds that those Requests, definitions and/or instructions are overbroad or unduly burdensome.

3. Reasonable Diligence: Whenever, in response to a Request, Trustee agrees to provide information and/or produce documents, that agreement does not represent that such information or documents exist, but only that such information or documents will be provided if they exist, can be located with reasonable diligence, are within the possession, custody or control of Trustee, are relevant and proportional to the needs of the case, and are not otherwise protected from disclosure.

4. Electronically Stored Information (ESI): Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 34(d), Trustee may answer any interrogatory by exercising the option to produce business records, including ESI. Trustee responds to each interrogatory by having produced to Defendants all electronically stored information in its possession, custody, and control. Defendants are able to locate and identify the ESI as readily as

1 Trustee, may search such ESI via their direct access, and have been given a reasonable
2 opportunity to examine, audit, or inspect the information. To the extent Defendants
3 require technical support, information on application software, or other assistance,
4 Trustee is ready to provide the same. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 33(d) Advisory Committee
5 Notes (2006 Amendment).

6 5. Incorporation of Objections: All responses to the Requests are expressly
7 subject to these General Objections, and such General Objections are incorporated into
8 each individual Request response.
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**FIRST AMENDED OBJECTIONS AND ANSWERS TO FIRST SET OF
INTERROGATORIES**

INTERROGATORY NO. 1:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that "BW Piezo, CTG, and CTG Advanced Materials operated as alter egos of each other," as alleged in paragraph 39 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks "all facts" that "BW Piezo, CTG, and CTG Advanced Materials operated as alter egos of each other. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds that the facts alleged in paragraph 39 of the SAC support Trustee's contention that BW Piezo, CTG, and CTG Advanced Materials operated as alter egos of each other. Trustee further responds that the following facts support Trustee's contention in paragraph 39:

1. The Blue Wolf Entities sent a "Confidential Information Memorandum" to proposed lenders, referring to CTG and HC Materials as the "Combined Company." The Blue Wolf Entities further represented that CTG would acquire AM or be consolidated into AM.
2. CTG funds were used to pay for the liabilities and debts of CTG Advanced Materials and BW Piezo, including payroll. *See* Second Amended Complaint ("SAC"), Ex. 19 (1/26/16 email from L. Chen to C. Hanna); SAC, Ex. 20 (1/5/16 email from L. Chen to C. Hanna); SAC, Ex. 14 (2/17/16 email from C. Hanna to J. Hager).
3. CTG Advanced Materials funds were used to pay for the liabilities and debts of CTG, including accounts receivable. *See* SAC, Ex. 21 (12/2/15 email from L. Chen to C. Hanna).
4. Accounting between the two companies was commingled. For example, CTG Advanced Materials' revenues were accounted for as part of CTG's overall revenues. *See* SAC Ex. 22 (1/21/16 email from L. Chen to S. Hoyos).
5. CTG funds were transferred to BW Piezo to pay out CTG Advanced Materials bonuses and legal expenses.
6. The liabilities of all BW Piezo subsidiaries were paid through CTG's operating account, and BW Piezo did not have its own separate bank account. *See* SAC Ex. 23 (1/21/16 email from L. Chen to A. Ortega).
7. CTG expenses were accrued between CTG and BW Piezo. *See* SAC Ex. 24 (1/15/16 email from L. Chen to C. Hanna).

- 1 8. Legal expenses incurred in relation to CTG matters were charged to BW Piezo's
2 general liabilities. See SAC Ex. 27 (1/12/16 email from L. Chen to C. Hanna).
- 3 9. BW Piezo would pay for certain CTG-related expenses directly and then seek
4 reimbursement from CTG. See SAC Ex. 25 (2/2/16 email from L. Chen to D.
5 Oldham).
- 6 10. CTG's "cash flow" position was forecasted to include the "cash flow" position of
7 CTG Advanced Materials.
- 8 11. CTG incurred BW Piezo's legal, tax, and other service expenses. See Ex. SAC 26
9 (3/8/16 email from C. Hanna to A. Ortega).
- 10 12. BW Piezo owned all of the equity of CTG and AM.
- 11 13. BW Piezo did not have its own physical location and held board meeting at the
12 offices of CTG. See SAC Ex. 10 (attachment to 2/5/16 email from L. Chen to K.
13 Carrington).
- 14 14. AM's CEO and CFO were located in CTG's officers, and AM's officers reported
15 to CTG's officers.
- 16 15. The Blue Wolf Entities and CTG represented to third party entities that AM was
17 a subsidiary of CTG. See SAC, Ex. 17 (Presentation structuring AM as subsidiary
18 of CTG).
- 19 16. The Blue Wolf Entities, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Narulla issued press releases
20 and represented to the public that CTG had acquired H.C. Materials. See SAC,
21 Ex. 8 (October 15, 2013 Press Release).
- 22 17. CTG's corporate documents and communications with auditors represented CTG
23 Advanced Materials as a "division" of CTG. See Ex. SAC 28 (pdf attachment to
24 12/26/15 email from L. Chen to D. Ligon); Ex. 29 (attachment to 1/19/16 email
25 from L. Chen to J. Cherry).
- 26 18. CTG Advanced Materials was represented in government submissions as being a
27 subsidiary of CTG. See SAC Ex. 9 (Dorsey Whitney letter).

28 **INTERROGATORY NO. 2:**

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that "Throughout 2014 and 2015, CTG struggled to balance its finances," as alleged in paragraph 40 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks "all facts" relating to paragraph 40 of the SAC. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds as follows:

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2 1. After acquiring the Debtor, the Debtor's management, under BW Partners'
3 control, decided to acquire H.C. Materials, Inc.
- 4 2. Instead of having CTG purchase H.C. Materials' assets directly, BW
5 Partners, acting through BW Piezo, decided to create a new entity to hold the
6 assets: CTG Advanced Materials.
- 7 3. In October of 2013, BW Partners, acting through BW Piezo, forced the Debtor
8 and its subsidiary to join BW Piezo and AM as borrowers.
- 9 4. BW Partners, acting through BW Piezo forced the Debtor to enter into
10 separate loan and investment agreements (the "Loan and Investment
11 Agreements") with Fidus Investment Corporation, Fidus Mezzanine Capital
12 II, L.P., Avante Mezzanine Partners SBIC, LP, and Avante Mezzanine
13 Partners II, Inc. (collectively, the "Mezzanine Lenders")
- 14 5. The terms of the Loan and Investment Agreements were onerous to the
15 Debtor.
- 16 6. In exchange for (1) a security interest in all of the Debtor's and Electro-
17 Optical Industries, LLC's assets(a subsidiary of the Debtor), and (2) equity
18 in BW Partners's shell company and the Debtor's "owner"—BW Piezo—, the
19 Mezzanine Lenders lent BW Partners, BW Piezo, and the Debtor \$14,000,000
20 to purchase H.C. Materials's assets.
- 21 7. BW Partners, acting through its executive management team and BW Piezo
22 forced the Debtor to use its assets to make payments to the Mezzanine
23 Lenders and to CIT Bank, N.A. pursuant to the loan agreements, for the
24 benefit of AM—which Debtor did not own.
- 25 8. BW Piezo, the Debtor, and AM operated as alter egos of each other, and the
26 three entities regularly comingled funds and assets.
- 27 9. Blue Wolf Capital Partners, acting through its executive management team
28 and BW Piezo, indiscriminately directed CTG to transfer funds to pay for BW
Piezo's and CTG Advanced Materials's liabilities, including payroll,
professional services, and legal bills, and vice versa benefitting those entities,
as well as BW Partners and its shell companies and the Mezzanine Lenders
by virtue of their equity interest in BW Piezo.
10. From December 20, 2013 to December 31, 2015, CTG made regular payments
to Fidus Investment Corporation and Fidus Mezzanine Capital II, L.P.
totaling \$1,959,987.31.
11. From December 19, 2013 to February 18, 2016, CTG made regular payments
to Avante Mezzanine Partners SBIC, LP and Avante Mezzanine Partners II,
Inc. totaling \$1,957,300.44.

12. CTG was unable to pay debts as they became due to the onerous loan payments and loan conditions placed upon CTG, coupled with CTG supporting BW Piezo and CTG Advanced Materials.
13. By October of 2015, BW Piezo board minutes indicate that CTG was in poor financial shape and was walking a “tightrope.” *See* SAC Ex. 10 (attachment to 2/5/16 email from L. Chen to K. Carrington). In fact, by this same time, BW Piezo was already contemplating the sale of CTG Advanced Materials and noting that it needed to focus on “how to improve cash flow to . . . direct capital to [Advanced Materials] . . . to improve the value before exit” at the expense of CTG. *See* SAC Ex. 10 (attachment to 2/5/16 email from L. Chen to K. Carrington).
14. By January 2016, CTG was instructing CTG Advanced Materials that: “we do need you to stretch your payments out to suppliers as much as possible . . . [a]s you know we [*i.e.*, CTG] are managing our cash very tightly and will need [Advanced Materials] to slow down the outflows as well.” *See* SAC Ex. 11 (1/27/16 email from L. Chen to S. Hoyos). Because CTG Advanced Materials was dependent on CTG’s support, Blue Wolf Capital Partners made this request to delay CTG from running out of funds and being forced to file for bankruptcy prior to the sale of CTG Advanced Materials.
15. Unsurprisingly, then, by January 2016, CTG was insolvent and not making timely payments to its vendors. Vendors were complaining to CTG of its late payments on invoiced billings and failure to honor extended payment plans. *See* SAC Ex. 12 (1/22/16 mail from L. Chen to J. Rumsey).
16. By February 2016, CTG was lamenting its cash flow and insolvency, noting that forecasts “do [] not look good.” *See* SAC Ex. 13 (2/9/16 email from S. Hoyos to L. Chen).
17. Also, by February 2016, CTG Advanced Materials could not even make its payroll without borrowing funds from CTG. *See* SAC Ex. 14 (2/17/16 email from C. Hanna to J. Hager).
18. CTG’s assumption of CTG Advanced Material’s and other affiliates and subsidiaries’ liabilities and use of CTG’s capital and assets to maintain CTG Advanced Material’s and other affiliates and subsidiaries’ businesses. *See* Ex. 17 (Presentation Structuring CTG Advanced Materials as Subsidiary of CTG).
19. The sale of Electro-Optical Industries to “a foreign interest,” which CTG reported left the Department of State “appalled” and jeopardized CTG’s security accreditation. *See* SAC Ex. 15 (6/24/16 email from C. Holmes to V. Caruso); SAC Ex. 16 (6/20/16 email from C. Holmes to V. Caruso).

20. On or about March 2016, Blue Wolf Capital Partners, through its executive management team and BW Piezo, sold CTG Advanced Materials for approximately \$73 million to CTS Corporation. Instead of returning to CTG the proceeds from the sale of assets of CTG Advanced Materials, Blue Wolf Capital Partners, acting through BW Piezo, structured the transaction to have CTS Corporation transfer the proceeds to Blue Wolf Capital Partners and its shell companies, CIT Bank, N.A., the Mezzanine Lenders, Pengdi Han, and to Blue Wolf Capital Partners insiders as bonus payments. BW Piezo did not even have its own bank account and Blue Wolf Capital Partners directed CTS Corporation to transfer the proceeds from the sale of CTG Advanced Materials to Blue Wolf Capital Fund.

INTERROGATORY NO. 3:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that "Blue Wolf Capital Partners directed CTG to file for bankruptcy in late 2016 to leave the other creditors of CTG 'holding the bag' while Defendants enjoyed the millions in distributions from the sale of CTG Advanced Materials," as alleged in paragraph 48 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks "all facts" relating to paragraph 48 of the SAC. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds as follows:

1. After acquiring the Debtor, the Debtor's management, under BW Partners' control, decided to acquire H.C. Materials, Inc.
2. Instead of having CTG purchase H.C. Materials' assets directly, BW Partners, acting through BW Piezo, decided to create a new entity to hold the assets: CTG Advanced Materials.
3. In October of 2013, BW Partners, acting through BW Piezo, forced the Debtor and its subsidiary to join BW Piezo and AM as borrowers.
4. BW Partners, acting through BW Piezo forced the Debtor to enter into separate loan and investment agreements (the "Loan and Investment Agreements") with Fidus Investment Corporation, Fidus Mezzanine Capital II, L.P., Avante Mezzanine Partners SBIC, LP, and Avante Mezzanine Partners II, Inc. (collectively, the "Mezzanine Lenders")
5. The terms of the Loan and Investment Agreements were onerous to the Debtor.
6. In exchange for (1) a security interest in all of the Debtor's and Electro-Optical Industries, LLC's assets(a subsidiary of the Debtor), and (2) equity

1 in BW Partners's shell company and the Debtor's "owner"—BW Piezo—the
2 Mezzanine Lenders lent BW Partners, BW Piezo, and the Debtor \$14,000,000
to purchase H.C. Materials's assets.

3 7. BW Partners, acting through its executive management team and BW Piezo
4 forced the Debtor to use its assets to make payments to the Mezzanine
5 Lenders and to CIT Bank, N.A. pursuant to the loan agreements, for the
benefit of AM—which Debtor did not own.

6 8. BW Piezo, the Debtor, and AM operated as alter egos of each other, and the
7 three entities regularly comingled funds and assets.

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9 and BW Piezo, indiscriminately directed CTG to transfer funds to pay for BW
10 Piezo's and CTG Advanced Materials's liabilities, including payroll,
11 professional services, and legal bills, and vice versa benefitting those entities,
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by virtue of their equity interest in BW Piezo.

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18 payments and loan conditions placed upon CTG, coupled with CTG
supporting BW Piezo and CTG Advanced Materials.

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20 financial shape and was walking a "tightrope." *See* SAC Ex. 10 (attachment
21 to 2/5/16 email from L. Chen to K. Carrington). In fact, by this same time,
22 BW Piezo was already contemplating the sale of CTG Advanced Materials
and noting that it needed to focus on "how to improve cash flow to . . . direct
23 capital to [Advanced Materials] . . . to improve the value before exit" at the
expense of CTG. *See* SAC Ex. 10 (attachment to 2/5/16 email from L. Chen to
24 K. Carrington).

25 14. By January 2016, CTG was instructing CTG Advanced Materials that: "we
26 do need you to stretch your payments out to suppliers as much as possible . .
27 . [a]s you know we [*i.e.*, CTG] are managing our cash very tightly and will need
[Advanced Materials] to slow down the outflows as well." *See* SAC Ex. 11
28 (1/27/16 email from L. Chen to S. Hoyos). Because CTG Advanced Materials
was dependent on CTG's support, Blue Wolf Capital Partners made this
request to delay CTG from running out of funds and being forced to file for
bankruptcy prior to the sale of CTG Advanced Materials.

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17. Also, by February 2016, CTG Advanced Materials could not even make its payroll without borrowing funds from CTG. *See* SAC Ex. 14 (2/17/16 email from C. Hanna to J. Hager).
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21. Subsequently, and with CTG Advanced Materials’s assets liquidated and distributed amongst Blue Wolf Capital Partners, its insiders, and its lenders, Blue Wolf Capital Partners and Mr. Holmes began to position CTG to declare for bankruptcy. Blue Wolf was desperate to delay CTG’s filing for bankruptcy protection for as long as possible to avoid the bankruptcy preference period and protect the validity of the transfers related to the CTG Advanced Materials sale. To accomplish this, Blue Wolf Capital Partners and Mr. Holmes directed CTG, in April 2016, to enter a prepetition lending agreement with Blue Wolf Capital Fund II, L.P., to provide a cash infusion in exchange for a security interest in CTG’s assets. Next, in June 2016, Blue Wolf sealed CTG’s fate by selling one of its most valuable subsidiaries, Electro-Optical

Industries, at a cut-rate price in June 2016 to keep CTG from being forced to file bankruptcy for a couple more months.

INTERROGATORY NO. 4:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that "there was no corporate separateness between [CTG and CTG Advanced Materials] (or BW Piezo)," as alleged in paragraph 54 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks "all facts" relating to paragraph 54 of the SAC. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds as follows:

1. At all relevant times, Blue Wolf Capital Partners was operated by its Founder, Managing Partner, and Managing Principal, Adam Blumenthal, and its partners, including Blue Wolf Capital Partners owns, dominates, and controls Blue Wolf Capital Fund II, L.P. The two entities shared the same managing partner: Adam Blumenthal. In addition, Blue Wolf Capital Partners insiders, including Blumenthal, Miller, Narulla, and Ranson serve as directors for Blue Wolf Capital Fund. Blue Wolf Capital Partners uses Blue Wolf Capital Fund as a mere liability shield for the operations of Blue Wolf Capital Partners, and all funds from it and its subsidiaries are siphoned up to Blue Wolf Capital Partners and its insiders. Blue Wolf Capital Fund does not have an independent office or independent employees.
2. Blue Wolf Capital Partners uses another shell company to manage Blue Wolf Capital Fund: Blue Wolf Capital Advisors. Blue Wolf Capital Advisors is owned and operated by the same group of Blue Wolf Capital Partners insiders, including Blumenthal, Miller, Narulla, and Ranson. Blue Wolf Capital Partners structured Blue Wolf Capital Advisors, LP as the general partner of Blue Wolf Capital Fund II, LP. Blue Wolf Capital Partners uses Blue Wolf Capital Advisors as a mere liability shield to manage Blue Wolf Capital Fund, and all funds from it and its subsidiaries are siphoned up to Blue Wolf Capital Partners and its insiders. Blue Wolf Capital Advisors does not have an independent office or independent employees.
3. Blue Wolf Capital Partners used Blue Wolf Capital Advisors to direct Blue Wolf Fund to establish BW Piezo to acquire CTG. BW Piezo is not an independent entity and is made up and controlled by the same Blue Wolf Capital Partners insiders, including its Founder and Managing Partner, Adam Blumenthal, and Charles P. Miller, Haranjeet Narulla, and Michael Ranson. BW Piezo is merely a façade for the operations of Blue Wolf Capital Partners and all funds from it and its subsidiaries are siphoned up to Blue Wolf Capital Partners and its insiders. Further, Blue Wolf Capital Partners,

1 and its agents, operate BW Piezo as a mere division of Blue Wolf Capital
2 Partners and do not respect its distinct corporate form. BW Piezo does not
have an independent office or independent employees.

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- 4 4. BW Piezo, CTG, and CTG Advanced Materials were organized and operated
as alter egos of each other. Although Blue Wolf identified CTG and CTG
5 Advanced Materials as separate entities in organizational charts, in practice,
there was no corporate separateness between the two (or BW Piezo). Blue Wolf
6 Capital Partners—utilizing its “shell company” BW Piezo— routinely
commingled funds and assets between the two to cover company liabilities.
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- 8 5. CTG funds were used to pay for the liabilities and debts of CTG Advanced
Materials and BW Piezo, including payroll. *See* Second Amended Complaint
9 (“SAC”), Ex. 19 (1/26/16 email from L. Chen to C. Hanna); SAC, Ex. 20 (1/5/16
email from L. Chen to C. Hanna); SAC, Ex. 14 (2/17/16 email from C. Hanna
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of CTG, including accounts receivable. *See* SAC, Ex. 21 (12/2/15 email from L.
13 Chen to C. Hanna).
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- 15 7. Accounting between the two companies was commingled. For example, CTG
Advanced Materials’ revenues were accounted for as part of CTG’s overall
16 revenues. *See* SAC Ex. 22 (1/21/16 email from L. Chen to S. Hoyos).
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- 18 8. CTG funds were transferred to BW Piezo to pay out CTG Advanced Materials
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- 20 9. The liabilities of all BW Piezo subsidiaries were paid through CTG’s operating
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21 Ex. 23 (1/21/16 email from L. Chen to A. Ortega).
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- 23 10. CTG expenses were accrued between CTG and BW Piezo. *See* SAC Ex. 24
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- 25 11. Legal expenses incurred in relation to CTG matters were charged to BW
Piezo’s general liabilities. *See* SAC Ex. 27 (1/12/16 email from L. Chen to C.
26 Hanna).
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- 28 12. BW Piezo would pay for certain CTG-related expenses directly and then seek
reimbursement from CTG. *See* SAC Ex. 25 (2/2/16 email from L. Chen to D.
Oldham).
13. CTG’s “cash flow” position was forecasted to include the “cash flow” position
of CTG Advanced Materials.
14. CTG incurred BW Piezo’s legal, tax, and other service expenses. *See* Ex. SAC
26 (3/8/16 email from C. Hanna to A. Ortega)

1 15. BW Piezo owned all of the equity of CTG and AM.

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3 16. BW Piezo did not have its own physical location and held board meeting at
4 the offices of CTG. See SAC Ex. 10 (attachment to 2/5/16 email from L. Chen
to K. Carrington).

5 17. AM's CEO and CFO were located in CTG's offices, and AM's officers reported
6 to CTG's officers.

7 18. The Blue Wolf Entities and CTG represented to third party entities that AM
8 was a subsidiary of CTG. See SAC, Ex. 17 (Presentation structuring AM as
subsidiary of CTG).

9 19. The Blue Wolf Entities, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Narulla issued press
10 releases and represented to the public that CTG had acquired H.C. Materials.
See SAC, Ex. 8 (October 15, 2013 Press Release).

11 20. CTG's corporate documents and communications with auditors represented
12 CTG Advanced Materials as a "division" of CTG. See Ex. SAC 28 (pdf
13 attachment to 12/26/15 email from L. Chen to D. Ligon); Ex. 29 (attachment to
1/19/16 email from L. Chen to J. Cherry).

14 21. CTG Advanced Materials was represented in government submissions as
15 being a subsidiary of CTG. See SAC Ex. 9 (Dorsey Whitney letter).

16 **INTERROGATORY NO. 5:**

17 State all facts supporting YOUR contention that "Blue Wolf Capital Partners,
18 through its shell companies and executive management team, formed, organized, and
19 operated BW Piezo, CTG, and CTG Advanced Materials to evade government
regulation, legal obligations, and debt obligations, including national security related
20 regulations and bankruptcy laws," as alleged in paragraph 55 of the COMPLAINT.

21 **ANSWER:**

22 Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the
23 extent it seeks "all facts" relating to paragraph 54 of the SAC. Subject to and without
24 waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee identifies the same facts
as in its response to Interrogatory No. 4.

25 **INTERROGATORY NO. 6:**

26 State all facts supporting YOUR contention that "Blue Wolf Entities allowed the
27 entities to operate with inadequate capital for the type of business they were
conducting, siphoning CTG's assets and capital to repay Blue Wolf Capital Partners
28 and make distributions to themselves," as alleged in paragraph 56 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks "all facts" supporting the allegation in paragraph 56 of the Complaint. The Trustee also objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it calls for or is based on information in the Blue Wolf Entities' possession, custody or control, which Defendants have not produced yet to Trustee. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee identifies the same facts as in its response to Interrogatory Nos. 1, 2, and 4.

INTERROGATORY NO. 7:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that "Blue Wolf Capital Partners operated BW Piezo, CTG, and CTG Advanced Materials as part of a single business enterprise," as alleged in paragraph 57 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks "all facts" supporting the allegation in paragraph 57 of the Complaint. The Trustee also objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it calls for or is based on information in the Blue Wolf Entities' possession, custody or control. Trustee further objects to this Interrogatory as duplicative of Interrogatory No.1. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee identifies the same facts as in its response to Interrogatory No. 1.

INTERROGATORY NO. 8:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that "Blue Wolf Capital Partners dominated and controlled CTG and CTG Advanced Materials," as alleged in paragraph 59 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks "all facts" supporting the allegation in paragraph 59 of the Complaint. The Trustee also objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it calls for or is based on information in the Blue Wolf Entities' possession, custody or control, which Defendants have not produced yet to Trustee. Trustee further objects to this Interrogatory as duplicative in substance as Interrogatory No.1. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee identifies the same facts as in its response to Interrogatory Nos. 1 and 4.

INTERROGATORY NO. 9:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that "Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG to enter into and secure oppressive loan agreements for the sole benefit of BW Piezo and itself, forced CTG to make payments on these loans that did not benefit CTG, forced CTG to pass on corporate opportunities, such as the acquisition of HC

1 Materials' assets directly, and forced CTG to pay for CTG Advanced Materials' and BW
2 Piezo's liabilities and debts-all without CTG receiving any reasonably equivalent
3 value," as alleged in paragraph 61 of the COMPLAINT.

4 **ANSWER:**

5 Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the
6 extent it seeks "all facts" supporting the allegation in paragraph 161 of the Complaint.
7 The Trustee also objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it calls for or is based on
8 information in the Blue Wolf Entities' possession, custody or control, which Defendants
9 have not produced yet to Trustee. Trustee further objects to this Interrogatory as
10 duplicative in substance as Interrogatory No. 2. Subject to and without waiver of the
11 foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee identifies the same facts as in its
12 response to Interrogatory Nos. 2.

13 **INTERROGATORY NO. 10:**

14 State all facts supporting YOUR contention that CTG did not receive reasonably
15 equivalent value for funds transferred to Grant Thornton, LLP, as alleged in paragraph
16 161 of the COMPLAINT.

17 **ANSWER:**

18 Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the
19 extent it seeks "all facts" supporting the allegation in paragraph 161 of the Complaint.
20 Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee
21 responds that CTG transferred \$1,054,753.85 to Grant Thornton, LLP from January
22 2013 to March 2017. The transfers were made to pay for accounting and financial
23 services rendered to BW Piezo and CTG Advanced Materials, and CTG did not receive
24 reasonably equivalent value for making these transfers. Blue Wolf Capital Partners
25 forced CTG to pay these expenses to maximize CTG Advanced Materials's assets and
26 value, and thus BW Piezo's assets, upon the sale of CTG Advanced Materials. Blue Wolf
27 Capital Partners knew that paying these expenses would deprive CTG of assets
28 available to CTG's creditors for satisfying their debts when Blue Wolf Capital Partners
forced CTG into bankruptcy.

INTERROGATORY NO. 11:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that CTG did not receive reasonably
equivalent value for the funds transferred to Holland & Knight, as alleged in
paragraph 162 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to
the extent it seeks "all facts" supporting the allegation in paragraph 162 of the
Complaint. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific
objections, Trustee responds that CTG transferred \$789,579.14 to Holland & Knight
from December 2012 to September 2016. The transfers were made to pay for legal

1 services rendered to BW Piezo and CTG Advanced Materials, and CTG did not receive
2 reasonably equivalent value for making these transfers. Blue Wolf Capital Partners
3 forced CTG to pay these expenses to maximize CTG Advanced Materials's assets and
4 value, and thus BW Piezo's assets, upon the sale of CTG Advanced Materials. Blue
5 Wolf Capital Partners knew that paying these expenses would deprive CTG of assets
6 available to CTG's creditors for satisfying their debts when Blue Wolf Capital Partners
7 forced CTG into bankruptcy.

8 **INTERROGATORY NO. 12:**

9 State all facts supporting YOUR contention that CTG did not receive reasonably
10 equivalent value for funds transferred to Fidus Investment Corporation and Fidus
11 Mezzanine Capital II, L.P, as alleged in paragraph 163 of the COMPLAINT.

12 **ANSWER:**

13 Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the
14 extent it seeks "all facts" supporting the allegation in paragraph 163 of the Complaint.
15 Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee
16 responds that CTG transferred \$1,959,987.31 to Fidus Investment Corporation and
17 Fidus Mezzanine Capital II, L.P. from December 2013 to December 2015. The transfers
18 were loan payments pursuant to the Loan and Investment Agreement entered into by
19 BW Piezo, CTG Advanced Materials, CTG, and Electro Optical Industries for the
20 purchase of HC Materials. If BW Piezo and CTG Advanced Materials are not CTG's
21 alter egos, then CTG received no reasonably equivalent value for making these
22 transfers. Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG to make these transfers to maximize
23 CTG Advanced Materials's assets and value, and thus BW Piezo's assets, upon the sale
24 of CTG Advanced Materials. Blue Wolf Capital Partners knew that making these
25 transfers would deprive CTG of assets available to CTG's creditors for satisfying their
26 debts when Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG into bankruptcy.

27 **INTERROGATORY NO. 13:**

28 State all facts supporting YOUR contention that CTG did not receive reasonably
equivalent value for the \$1,957,300.44 transferred to Avante Mezzanine Partners
SBIC, LP and Avante Mezzanine Partners II, Inc., as alleged in paragraph 164 of the
COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to
the extent it seeks "all facts" supporting the allegation in paragraph 164 of the
Complaint. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific
objections, Trustee responds that CTG transferred \$1,957,300.44 to Avante Mezzanine
Partners SBIC, LP and Avante Mezzanine Partners II, Inc. from December 2013 to
February 2016. The transfers were loan payments pursuant to the Loan and
Investment Agreement entered into by BW Piezo, CTG Advanced Materials, CTG, and
Electro Optical Industries for the purchase of HC Materials. If BW Piezo and CTG

Advanced Materials are not CTG's alter egos, then CTG received no reasonably equivalent value for making these transfers. Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG to make these transfers to maximize CTG Advanced Materials's assets and value, and thus BW Piezo's assets, upon the sale of CTG Advanced Materials. Blue Wolf Capital Partners knew that making these transfers would deprive CTG of assets available to CTG's creditors for satisfying their debts when Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG into bankruptcy.

INTERROGATORY NO. 14:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that CTG did not receive reasonably equivalent value for funds transferred to CIT BANK, N.A., as alleged in paragraph 165 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks "all facts" supporting the allegation in paragraph 165 of the Complaint. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds CTG transferred \$ 33,248,711.36 to CIT Bank, N.A. from May 2013 to April 2016. The transfers were loan payments pursuant to a loan agreement entered into by BW Piezo, CTG Advanced Materials, CTG, and Electro Optical Industries for the purchase of HC Materials. If BW Piezo and CTG Advanced Materials are not CTG's alter egos, then CTG received no reasonably equivalent value for making these transfers. Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG to make these transfers to maximize CTG Advanced Materials's assets and value, and thus BW Piezo's assets, upon the sale of CTG Advanced Materials. Blue Wolf Capital Partners knew that making these transfers would deprive CTG of assets available to CTG's creditors for satisfying their debts when Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG into bankruptcy.

INTERROGATORY NO. 15:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that CTG did not receive reasonably equivalent value for funds transferred to Gladstone Investment Corporation, as alleged in paragraph 166 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks "all facts" supporting the allegation in paragraph 166 of the Complaint. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds CTG transferred \$7,576,027.49 to Gladstone Investment Corporation from February 2012 to June 2016. The transfers were distributions made to BW Piezo's and the Blue Wolf Fund's equity owners, and CTG received no reasonably equivalent value for making these transfers. Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG to make these transfers to maximize CTG Advanced Materials's assets and value, and thus BW Piezo's assets, upon the sale of CTG Advanced Materials. Blue Wolf Capital Partners knew that making these transfers would deprive CTG of assets available to

CTG's creditors for satisfying their debts when Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG into bankruptcy.

INTERROGATORY NO. 16:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that CTG did not receive reasonably equivalent value for the \$1,984,330.21 transferred to Blue Wolf Capital Partners, as alleged in paragraph 168 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks "all facts" supporting the allegation in paragraph 168 of the Complaint. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, responds CTG transferred \$1,984,330.21 to Blue Wolf Capital Partners from January 2013 to May 2016. The transfers were distributions made to BW Piezo's and the Blue Wolf Fund's equity owners, and CTG received no reasonably equivalent value for making these transfers. Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG to make these transfers to maximize CTG Advanced Materials's assets and value, and thus BW Piezo's assets, upon the sale of CTG Advanced Materials. Blue Wolf Capital Partners knew that making these transfers would deprive CTG of assets available to CTG's creditors for satisfying their debts when Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG into bankruptcy.

INTERROGATORY NO. 17:

State all facts supporting YOUR contention that CTG did not receive reasonably equivalent value for the \$165,365.86 transferred to McDermott Will & Emery, LLP, as alleged in paragraph 170 of the COMPLAINT.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks "all facts" supporting the allegation in paragraph 170 of the Complaint. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds that CTG transferred \$165,365.86 to McDermott Will & Emery, LLP from March 2015 to May 2016. The transfers were made to pay for legal services rendered to CTG Advanced Materials, and CTG did not receive reasonably equivalent value for making these transfers. Blue Wolf Capital Partners forced CTG to pay these expenses

INTERROGATORY NO. 18:

IDENTIFY all transfers for which YOU allege Blue Wolf Capital Partners, LLC is liable and set forth specific facts and PERSONS with knowledge to support the basis for YOUR contention.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks the identity of “all transfers”. The Trustee also objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it calls for or is based on information in the Blue Wolf Entities’ possession, custody, or control. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds that Blue Wolf Capital Partners, LLC is liable for every transfer in Schedule B identified as having been made for the benefit of BW Piezo, CTG Advanced Materials, Blue Wolf Capital Partners. The Trustee further identifies the following persons with knowledge to support the basis of its contentions:

1. Adam Blumenthal
2. Pierre Chao
3. Christopher Holmes
4. David Oldham
5. John Mei
6. Charles Miller
7. Lynn Chen
8. Mark Shaw
9. Kevin Ruelas
10. Arturo Ortega
11. Ralph Phillips
12. Pengdi Han
13. Cheryl Hanna
14. Haranjeet Narullah
15. Richard Feferman
16. David Tiffany

INTERROGATORY NO. 19:

IDENTIFY all transfers for which YOU allege Blue Wolf Capital Advisors, L.P. is liable and set forth specific facts and PERSONS with knowledge to support the basis for YOUR contention.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks the identity of “all transfers”. The Trustee also objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it calls for or is based on information in the Blue Wolf Entities’ possession, custody, or control. Trustee has requested or will request discovery and documents regarding transfers made between Blue Wolf Capital Fund II, L.P., and Blue Wolf Capital Advisors, L.P. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds that Blue Wolf Capital Advisors, L.P. is liable for every transfer in Schedule B identified as having been made for the benefit of BW Piezo, CTG Advanced Materials, Blue Wolf Capital Partners. The

Trustee further identifies the following persons with knowledge to support the basis of its contentions:

1. Adam Blumenthal
2. Pierre Chao
3. Christopher Holmes
4. David Oldham
5. John Mei
6. Charles Miller
7. Lynn Chen
8. Mark Shaw
9. Kevin Ruelas
10. Arturo Ortega
11. Ralph Phillips
12. Pengdi Han
13. Cheryl Hanna
14. Haranjeet Narullah
15. Richard Feferman
16. David Tiffany

INTERROGATORY NO. 20:

IDENTIFY all transfers for which YOU allege Blue Wolf Capital Fund II, L.P. is liable and set forth specific facts and PERSONS with knowledge to support the basis for YOUR contention.

ANSWER:

Trustee objects to this Interrogatory as overbroad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks the identity of “all transfers”. The Trustee also objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it calls for or is based on information in the Blue Wolf Entities’ possession, custody, or control. Trustee has requested or will request discovery and documents regarding transfers made by Blue Wolf Capital Fund II, L.P.. Upon information and believe, and subject to and without waiver of the foregoing general and specific objections, Trustee responds that Blue Wolf Fund II, L.P. received \$5,669,848.62 from the proceeds of the sale of Advanced Materials. Trustee further responds that Blue Wolf Capital Fund II, L.P. is liable for every transfer in Schedule B identified as having been made for the benefit of BW Piezo, CTG Advanced Materials, Blue Wolf Capital Partners. The Trustee further identifies the following persons with knowledge to support the basis of its contentions:

1. Adam Blumenthal
2. Pierre Chao
3. Christopher Holmes
4. David Oldham
5. John Mei
6. Charles Miller

1 7. Lynn Chen
2 8. Mark Shaw
3 9. Kevin Ruelas
4 10. Arturo Ortega
5 11. Ralph Phillips
6 12. Pengdi Han
7 13. Cheryl Hanna
8 14. Haranjeet Narullah
9 15. Richard Feferman
10 16. David Tiffany

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF DALLAS

I am employed in the County of Dallas, State of Texas. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is 2100 Ross Avenue, Suite 2700, Dallas, Texas 75201.

On March 4, 2021, I caused the document described below as **PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED OBJECTIONS AND ANSWERS TO DEFENDANT BLUE WOLF ENTITIES' FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES** to be served on all interested parties in this action via email:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed on March 4, 2021, at Dallas, Texas.

/s/ Barira Munshi
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VERIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA §
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I, Richard Feferman, make this Declaration under oath pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1746. CORPORATE RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC, ("CRA") as appointed under the confirmed Chapter 11 plan of Channel Technologies Group, LLC ("CTG") is the Liquidating Trustee for CTG. I am the Senior Managing Director for CRA. I have read the foregoing document, Plaintiff's First Amended Objections and Answers to Defendant Blue Wolf Entities' First Set of Interrogatories. I declare under penalty of perjury that the contents of the foregoing are true and correct.

Executed on this 4th day of March, 2021.


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In re

CHANNEL TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, LLC,
Debtor.

CORPORATE RECOVERY ASSOCIATES,
LLC, as Trustee for the Liquidating Trust of
Channel Technologies Group, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

BLUE WOLF CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, *et*
al.,
Defendants.

§ CASE NO. 9:16-BK-11912-DS

Chapter 11

ADV NO. 9:18-AP-01058-DS

**PLAINTIFF'S SECOND
AMENDED INITIAL
DISCLOSURES**

Preliminary Statement

As required by Rule 26(a)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Court's Order, Plaintiff Corporate Recovery Associates, LLC, as Trustee for The Liquidating Trust of Channel Technologies Group, LLC (the "Trustee" or "Plaintiff")

hereby makes the following amended disclosures, based on the information currently and reasonably available. The Trustee does not represent that it is identifying every document, tangible thing, or witness possibly relevant to this lawsuit. Rather, the Trustee's disclosures represent a good faith effort to identify information that the Trustee, at this time, reasonably believes may be used to support its claims or defenses, as required by Rule 26(a)(1). Accordingly, these disclosures are made without prejudice to the Trustee's right to change or supplement these disclosures in the future, and without prejudice to the Trustee's right to introduce at trial additional evidence, documents, and witnesses as warranted by the development of facts underlying this lawsuit.

The Trustee also makes these disclosures subject to the Agreed Protective Order and its terms, as well as without waiving its right to withhold documents based on claims of privilege, including the attorney-client and work product privileges, the party communication privilege, the consulting expert privilege, or any other applicable privilege or immunity existing under law. The Trustee intends to assert all applicable privileges and immunities to discovery and is not waiving and does not intend to waive any such privileges or immunities.

1. **The name and, if known, the address and telephone number of each individual likely to have discoverable information—along with the subjects of that information—that the Trustee may use to support its claims or defenses, unless the use would be solely for impeachment.**

| Name | Subject |
|---|---|
| Richard Feferman c/o Jason Dennis Sam Hardy Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst LLP 2100 Ross Avenue, Suite 2700 Dallas, Texas 75201 Phone: (214) 981-3800 | Feferman is the Senior Manager Director of the Trustee. Feferman has knowledge of the following subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Documents received from CTG's Chief Restructuring Officer David Tiffany (the "CRO")• The condition of the books and |

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| | | records received from the CRO | |
| 1 | | | |
| 2 | Adam Blumenthal | Blumenthal is a manager of at least one | |
| 3 | c/o Howard Steinberg | of the Blue Wolf Entities. | |
| 4 | steinbergh@gtlaw.com | | |
| 5 | GREENBERG TAURIG, LLP | Blumenthal may have knowledge of the | |
| 6 | 1840 Century Park East, Suite | following subjects: | |
| 7 | 1900 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the services provided by CTG; | |
| 8 | Los Angeles, CA 90067 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The relationship between CTG and | |
| 9 | T: 310.586.7702 | the Blue Wolf Entities; | |
| 10 | F: 310.586.7800 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The decision-making process of | |
| 11 | | CTG; | |
| 12 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payments made by CTG for the | |
| 13 | | benefit of BW Piezo Holdings and | |
| 14 | | CTGAM; | |
| 15 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTG's dealings with vendors; and | |
| 16 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTG's debts and liabilities. | |
| 17 | Pierre Chao | Chao was a former manager of CTG. | |
| 18 | c/o Howard Steinberg | | |
| 19 | steinbergh@gtlaw.com | Chao may have knowledge of the | |
| 20 | Greenberg Taurig, LLP | following subjects: | |
| 21 | 1840 Century Park East, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the services provided by CTG; | |
| 22 | Suite 1900 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The relationship between CTG and | |
| 23 | Los Angeles, CA 90067 | the Blue Wolf Entities; | |
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| 25 | F: 310.586.7800 | CTG; | |
| 26 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payments made by CTG for the | |
| 27 | | benefit of BW Piezo Holdings and | |
| 28 | | CTGAM; | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTG's dealings with vendors; and | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTG's debts and liabilities. | |
| | Christopher Holmes | Holmes was a former manager of CTG. | |
| | c/o Howard Steinberg | | |
| | steinbergh@gtlaw.com | Holmes may have knowledge of the | |
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| | Suite 1900 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The relationship between CTG | |
| | Los Angeles, CA 90067 | and the Blue Wolf Entities; | |
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| | F: 310.586.7800 | CTG; | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payments made by CTG for the | |
| | | benefit of BW Piezo Holdings | |
| | | and CTGAM; | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTG's dealings with vendors; | |
| | | and | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTG's debts and liabilities. | |
| | David Oldham | Oldham was a former manager of CTG. | |
| | c/o Howard Steinberg | | |
| | steinbergh@gtlaw.com | Oldham may have knowledge of the | |
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| | Los Angeles, CA 90067 | and the Blue Wolf Entities; | |

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| 5 | John Mei c/o Howard Steinberg steinbergh@gtlaw.com Greenberg Taurig, LLP 1840 Century Park East, Suite 1900 Los Angeles, CA 90067 T: 310.586.7702 F: 310.586.7800 | <p>Mei was a former manager of CTG.</p> <p>Mei may have knowledge of the following subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the services provided by CTG; • The relationship between CTG and the Blue Wolf Entities; • The decision-making process of CTG; • Payments made by CTG for the benefit of BW Piezo Holdings and CTGAM; • CTG's dealings with vendors; and • CTG's debts and liabilities. |
| 13 | Charles Miller c/o Howard Steinberg steinbergh@gtlaw.com Greenberg Taurig, LLP 1840 Century Park East, Suite 1900 Los Angeles, CA 90067 T: 310.586.7702 F: 310.586.7800 | <p>Miller was a former manager of CTG.</p> <p>Miller may have knowledge of the following subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the services provided by CTG; • The relationship between CTG and the Blue Wolf Entities; • The decision-making process of CTG; • Payments made by CTG for the benefit of BW Piezo Holdings and CTGAM; • CTG's dealings with vendors; and • CTG's debts and liabilities. |
| 20 | Lynn Chen c/o Steve McAndrew steve@kmcllp.com KAUFMAN MCANDREW LLP 16633 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 500 Encino, CA 91436 T: 818.788.5767 F: 818.788.2992 | <p>Chen was a former manager of CTG.</p> <p>Chen may have knowledge of the following subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the services provided by CTG; • The relationship between CTG and the Blue Wolf Entities; • The decision-making process of CTG; • Payments made by CTG for the benefit of BW Piezo Holdings and CTGAM; • CTG's dealings with vendors; and • CTG's debts and liabilities. |
| 28 | Mark Shaw c/o Timothy Trager ttrager@rppmh.com | <p>Shaw was a former manager of CTG.</p> <p>Shaw may have knowledge of the</p> |

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| 1 2 3 4 5 6 | REICKER, PFAU, PYLE & MCROY LLP 1421 State Street, Suite B Santa Barbara, CA 93101 T: 805.966.2440 F: 805.966.3320 | following subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the services provided by CTG; • The relationship between CTG and the Blue Wolf Entities; • The decision-making process of CTG; • Payments made by CTG for the benefit of BW Piezo Holdings and CTGAM; • CTG's dealings with vendors; and • CTG's debts and liabilities. |
| 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 | Kevin Ruelas c/o Zubin Farinpour eje@manningllp.com MANNING & KASS ELLROD RAMIREZ Trester LLP 801 S. Figueroa St., 16 th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017 T: 213.624.6900 F: 213.624.6999 | Ruelas was a former manager of CTG. Ruelas may have knowledge of the following subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the services provided by CTG; • The relationship between CTG and the Blue Wolf Entities; • The decision-making process of CTG; • Payments made by CTG for the benefit of BW Piezo Holdings and CTGAM; • CTG's dealings with vendors; and • CTG's debts and liabilities. |
| 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 | Arturo Ortega 875 Weaver St. Simi Valley, CA 93065 T: 818-274-8008 | Ortega was a former officer of CTG. Ortega may have knowledge of the following subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the services provided by CTG; • The relationship between CTG and the Blue Wolf Entities; • The decision-making process of CTG; • Payments made by CTG for the benefit of BW Piezo Holdings and CTGAM; • CTG's dealings with vendors; and • CTG's debts and liabilities. |
| 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 | Ralph L. Phillips 01603 S.W. Greenwood Rd. Portland, OR 97219 T:818.438.3770 Email: Rlphillips4141@gmail.com | Phillips was a former manager of CTG. Phillips may have knowledge of the following subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the services provided by CTG; • The relationship between CTG and the Blue Wolf Entities; • The decision-making process of CTG; • Payments made by CTG for the benefit of BW Piezo Holdings and CTGAM; • CTG's dealings with vendors; and |

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| 1 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTG's debts and liabilities. | |
| 2 | Pendgi Han | Han was a former manager of CTG. | |
| 3 | 14304 SE 88 th Place | Han may have knowledge of the following subjects: | |
| 4 | Newcastle, WA 98059 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the services provided by CTG; • The relationship between CTG and the Blue Wolf Entities; • The decision-making process of CTG; • Payments made by CTG for the benefit of BW Piezo Holdings and CTGAM; • CTG's dealings with vendors; and • CTG's debts and liabilities. | |
| 9 | Cheryl Hanna | Hanna was a former officer of CTG. | |
| 10 | Unknown Contact Information | Hanna may have knowledge of the following subjects: | |
| 11 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the services provided by CTG; • The relationship between CTG and the Blue Wolf Entities; • The decision-making process of CTG; • Payments made by CTG for the benefit of BW Piezo Holdings and CTGAM; • CTG's dealings with vendors; and • CTG's debts and liabilities. | |
| 17 | Haranjeet Narulla | Narulla is a manager of at least one of the Blue Wolf Entities. | |
| 18 | c/o Howard Steinberg | Narulla may have knowledge of the following subjects: | |
| 19 | steinbergh@gtlaw.com | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the services provided by CTG; • The relationship between CTG and the Blue Wolf Entities; • The decision-making process of CTG; • Payments made by CTG for the benefit of BW Piezo Holdings and CTGAM; • CTG's dealings with vendors; and • CTG's debts and liabilities. | |
| 20 | Greenberg Taurig, LLP | | |
| 21 | 1840 Century Park East, Suite 1900 | | |
| 22 | Los Angeles, CA 90067 | | |
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| 25 | David Tiffany | Tiffany is CTG's Chief Restructuring Officer. | |
| 26 | CR3 Partners, LLC | Tiffany may have knowledge of the following subjects: | |
| 27 | 6171 W. Century Blvd., Suite 350 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the services provided by CTG; and • the maintenance of the business records of CTG. | |
| 28 | Los Angeles, CA 90045 | | |
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- 2 **2. A copy—or a description by category and location—of all**
3 **documents, electronically stored information, and tangible**
4 **things that the Trustee has in its possession, custody, or**
5 **control and may use to support its claims or defenses, unless**
6 **the use would be solely for impeachment.**

7 The Trustee identifies by BATES Numbers CTG000001-000385 documents
8 previously produced in the State Court Lawsuit that the Trustee may use to
9 support its claims or defenses in this case. The Trustee has electronically
10 produced these documents to each Defendant, subject to the protective order.

11 In addition to the produced documents, the Trustee further identifies the
12 following categories of documents in Trustee's possession, custody or control that
13 it may use to support its claims or defenses:

- 14 • Email communications by CTG employees;
- 15 • CTG's Operating Agreement;
- 16 • Documents relating to CTG's organization and structure;
- 17 • Accounting and/or financial documents, including but not limited to
- 18 accounts receivables, accounts payable, bank instructions, bank
- 19 statements, credit card statements, credit agreements, loan
- 20 agreements, security agreements, revenue planning, capital
- 21 expenditures, GDP, month-end close files, bank statements, payroll
- 22 reports, Grant Thornton audits, yearly budgets, account balances,
- 23 annual reports, fiscal year plans, WIP reports, 401Ks, and PLEX
- 24 SQL data;
- 25 • Tax files;
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- Credit agreements, investment agreements, loan agreements and/or security agreements entered into solely or jointly by CTG;
- EOI AP Invoices, MSI AP Invoices, CTG/EOI AP Invoices;
- Documents relating to Blue Wolf Entities' capital loan to BW Piezo;
- Documents relating to Blue Wolf Entities' stock information;
- Documents relating to the Blue Wolf Entities' equity interest;
- Documents relating to Gladstone Investment Corporation's equity interest;
- Documents relating to Board of Directors meetings, presentations, and/or minutes;
- Documents relating to customers, clients, and government affiliates;
- Documents relating to business plans, marketing plans, and/or administrative plans;
- Documents relating to CTG acquisitions;
- Documents relating to the sale of Advanced Materials;
- Documents relating to the sale of EOI;
- Marketing documents;
- Company presentations;
- Press releases and news articles;
- Correspondences to and/or from government entities submitted by or on behalf of CTG and/or the Blue Wolf Entities;
- Documents relating to government surveys prepared or submitted by or on behalf of CTG;

- Documents relating to sales, purchases, and contracts with customers;
- Documents relating to Project Seawolf;
- Documents relating to CTG's business development;
- Human Resources documents relating to payroll, recruitment, workers' compensation claims, benefits and insurance, timecards; and
- Documents related to the bankruptcy of CTG.

In addition to the above categories, the Trustee may use any documents or pleadings filed, produced, or otherwise exchanged in this matter to support its defenses. Other documents and information in the Trustee's possession, custody, or control and which support the Trustee's claims may be identified as discovery is conducted in this matter, in which case, if appropriate and necessary, the Trustee's disclosures may be supplemented accordingly pursuant to Rule 26(e).

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To further aid and facilitate discovery in this case, the Trustee would like to provide some additional background on the universe of CTG documents received by the Trustee upon his appointment. Upon assuming his role as Trustee, the Trustee obtained 166 banker's boxes ("Storage Documents") from the CRO, David Tiffany. These Storage Documents were organized with an Index and reflect CTG's physical copies of books and records. The Index provides a box number, a date range, and a description. Each box also has a clearly marked label that corresponds with the Index. These Storage Documents are currently located in a storage unit in San Diego. The Blue Wolf Defendants have previously

1 inspected and copied the Storage Documents in connection with the State Court
2 Lawsuit. It is Plaintiff's understanding that Defendants are not requesting to
3 inspect the Storage Documents again. Attached as **Exhibit A** is an inventory
4 report identifying by category and box number the hard copy documents in the
5 Trustee's possession.
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7 Upon assuming its role as Trustee, the Trustee received CTG's electronic
8 data from the CRO, David Tiffany. This electronic data includes PST email files
9 for its employees and CTG's electronic books and records (including accounting
10 and plex data). This data is contained in three hard drives and a thumb drive
11 (collectively, the "Electronic Documents"). The Blue Wolf Defendants have
12 previously received the Electronic Documents in connection with the state court
13 lawsuit *Corporate Recovery Associates, LLC*, as Trustee for the Liquidating Trust
14 of Channel Technologies Group, LLC, *v. Ruelas, et al.*, Case No. 18-CV-05060 in
15 the Superior Court of California and for the County of Santa Barbara (the "State
16 Court Lawsuit"). Though Defendants indicated that they do not need a duplicate
17 copy, the Trustee stands ready to provide another copy of these electronic
18 documents now that the Court has entered a protective order upon request by a
19 Defendant. In addition, the Trustee has highlighted specific directory and file
20 locations as reflected in **Exhibit B** that the Trustee would point the Defendants
21 to as containing documents relevant to the issues in dispute in this case.
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- 25 **3. A computation of each category of damages claimed by the**
26 **Trustee—who must also make available for inspection and**
27 **copying as under Rule 34 the documents or other**
28 **evidentiary material, unless privileged or protected from**
 disclosure, on which each computation is based, including
 materials bearing on the nature and extent of injuries
 suffered.

In March 2016, Blue Wolf sold CTG Advanced Materials for approximately \$73 million. Instead of returning to CTG the proceeds from the sale of assets of CTG Advanced Materials, Blue Wolf structured the transaction to have the purchaser, CTS Corporation, transfer the proceeds to the Blue Wolf Entities, CIT Bank, N.A., the Mezzanine Lenders, Pengdi Han, and to the Blue Wolf Entities' insiders as bonus payments. The transfers related to the sale of CTG Advanced Materials:

| Date | Amount | Received Transfer/Beneficiary |
|------------------------|-----------------|---|
| On or about March 2016 | \$37,134,772.79 | CIT Bank, N.A.; OneWest Bank N.A. |
| On or about March 2016 | \$7,264,770.39 | Fidus Investment Corporation; Fidus Mezzanine Capital II, L.P. |
| On or about March 2016 | \$7,263,263.90 | Avante Mezzanine Partners SBIC, LP |
| On or about March 2016 | \$1,340.39 | Avante Mezzanine Partners II, Inc. |
| On or about March 2016 | \$1,515,005.70 | CTG Advanced Materials |
| On or about March 2016 | \$26,000.00 | Pengdi Han; DHAN, LLC |
| On or about March 2016 | \$16,612,424.11 | Blue Wolf Fund II, L.P. |

The subsequent transfers related to the sale of CTG Advanced Materials:

| Date | Amount | Received Transfer/Beneficiary |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| On or about March 2016 | \$2,303,366.24 | Pengdi Han; DHAN, LLC |
| On or about March 2016 | \$633,872.00 | Blue Wolf Capital Partners, LLC |

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|---------------------------|--------------|---|
| On or about March 2016 | \$752,245.09 | Gladstone Investment Corporation |
| On or about March 2016 | \$1,340.39 | Avante Mezzanine Partners II, Inc. |
| On or about March 2016 | \$199,861.70 | Fidus Investment Corporation; Fidus Mezzanine Capital II, L.P. |
| On or about March 2016 | \$199,861.70 | Avante Mezzanine Partners SBIC, LP; Avante Mezzanine Partners II, Inc. |

In addition, CTG, through its officers, employees, and agents made the following transfers and incurred the following obligations:

| Date | Total Amount | Received Transfers | Beneficiary |
|---------------------------|----------------|---|---|
| 1/25/2013– 4/30/2017 | \$1,177,135.85 | Grant Thornton, LLP | Blue Wolf Entities; CTG Advanced Materials, LLC |
| 12/20/2012– 9/30/2016 | \$789,579.14 | Holland & Knight | Blue Wolf Entities CTG Advanced Materials, LLC |
| 12/20/2013– 12/31/2015 | \$1,959,987.31 | Fidus Investmen t Corporatio n; Fidus Mezzanine Capital II, L.P. | Blue Wolf Entities; CTG Advanced Materials, LLC |
| 12/3/2012– 6/10/2016 | \$2,731,668.15 | Gladstone Investmen t Corporatio n | Blue Wolf Entities; CTG Advanced Materials, LLC |
| 12/11/2015 | \$50,000.00 | Raymond James & Associates, Inc. | Blue Wolf Entities; CTG Advanced Materials, LLC |
| 12/19/2013– 2/18/2016 | \$1,957,300.44 | Avante Mezzanine Partners SBIC, LP; Avante Mezzanine Partners II, Inc. | Blue Wolf Entities; CTG Advanced Materials, LLC |

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| 1/10/2013– 5/13/2016 | \$1,984,330.21 | Blue Wolf Capital Partners, LLC | Blue Wolf Entities; CTG Advanced Materials, LLC |
| 7/24/2013– 10/28/2014 | \$18,752,915.42 | CIT Bank, N.A.; OneWest Bank N.A. | Blue Wolf Entities; CTG Advanced Materials, LLC |
| 5/31/2013– 2/25/2016 | \$9,409,002.23 | CIT Bank, N.A.; OneWest Bank N.A. | Blue Wolf Entities CTG Advanced Materials, LLC; Electro Optical Industries |
| 4/3/2015 | \$36,995.00 | Duff & Phelps, LLC | Blue Wolf Entities CTG Advanced Materials, LLC; Electro Optical Industries |
| 3/11/2015– 5/26/2016 | \$165,365.86 | McDermot t Will & Emery, LLP | Blue Wolf Entities; CTG Advanced Materials, LLC |

4. Attach for inspection and copying as under Fed. R. Civ. P. 34 any insurance agreement under which an insurance business may be liable to satisfy all or part of a possible judgment in the action or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy the judgment.

The Trustee is not aware of any at this time.

1 DATED: January 27, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF DALLAS

I am employed in the County of Dallas, State of Texas. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is 2100 Ross Avenue, Suite 2700, Dallas, Texas 75201.

On January 27, 2021, I caused the document described below as **PLAINTIFF'S SECOND AMENDED INITIAL DISCLOSURES** to be served on all interested parties in this action via email:

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☐ **(BY MAIL)** I caused such envelope(s) fully prepaid to be placed in the United States Mail at Dallas, Texas. I am "readily familiar" with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence or mailing. Under that practice it would be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at Dallas, Texas in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing in affidavit.

☐ **(BY OVERNIGHT-FEDERAL EXPRESS)** I caused said document(s) to be picked up by U.S. Federal Express Services for overnight delivery to the offices of the addressees listed on the Service List.

☐ **(BY PERSONAL SERVICE)** I caused to be delivered such document by hand to the above-identified recipient through the use of First Legal Attorney Service whose address is: 1517 West Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90026, and whose telephone number is (213) 250-1111.

☐ **(BY FACSIMILE)** I caused said document(s) to be telephonically transmitted to each addressee's telecopier (Fax) number as noted.

☒ **(BY ELECTRONIC MAIL)** I caused said document(s) to be served via electronic transmission to each addressee's electronic mail address(es) as noted on the attached Service List.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed on January 27, 2021, at Dallas, Texas.

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EXHIBIT A

| DISTRICT NAME | RECORD CODE | CUST BOX # | BOX LOCATION | MAJOR DESCRIPTION | MINOR DESCRIPTION |
|----------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| SAN FRANCISCO, OAKLAND, CA | A | | 1 SSLV02319000620602 | INCOMING INSPECTION QA CERTS | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | HR-EOI | | 1 LAVA013BB004340303 | TIMECARDS | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | FIN CTG | | 1 LAVA022MM000320205 | ITC AP INVOICES 2012 | |
| SAN FRANCISCO, OAKLAND, CA | B-C | | 2 SSLV02319001030201 | INCOMING INSPECTION QA CERTS | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | HR-CTG | | 2 LAVA013BB004140605 | TIMECARDS | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | FIN CTG | | 2 LAVA022LL000620605 | ITC AP INVOICES 2012 | |
| SAN FRANCISCO, OAKLAND, CA | D-E | | 3 SSLV02319001030105 | INCOMING INSPECTION QA CERTS | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | HR-CTG | | 3 LAVA013BB004140205 | TIMECARDS | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | FIN CTG | | 3 LAVA022LL000610402 | ITC AP INVOICES 2012 | |
| SAN FRANCISCO, OAKLAND, CA | E-I | | 4 SSLV02319002110402 | INCOMING INSPECTION QA CERTS | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | HR-CTG | | 4 LAVA013BB004140204 | TIMECARDS | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | FIN CTG | | 4 LAVA022MM001310404 | ASSISTANT CONTROLLER OFFICE | |
| SAN FRANCISCO, OAKLAND, CA | J-L | | 5 SSLV02319001030306 | INCOMING INSPECTION QA CERTS | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | HR-CTG | | 5 LAVA013BB004140305 | TIMECARDS | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | FIN CTG | | 5 LAVA022LL002930604 | ASSISTANT CONTROLLER OFFICE | |
| SAN FRANCISCO, OAKLAND, CA | M | | 6 SSLV02319001030501 | INCOMING INSPECTION QA CERTS | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | HR-CTG | | 6 LAVA013BB004140406 | TIMECARDS | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | FIN CTG | | 6 LAVA022LL001630106 | ASSISTANT CONTROLLER OFFICE | |
| SAN FRANCISCO, OAKLAND, CA | M-N | | 7 SSLV02319001130802 | INCOMING INSPECTION QA CERTS | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | HR-CTG | | 7 LAVA013BB004140906 | TIMECARDS | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | FIN CTG | | 7 LAVA022MM000710709 | COST ACCOUNTING MANAGER | |
| SAN FRANCISCO, OAKLAND, CA | O-R | | 8 SSLV02319001020703 | INCOMING INSPECTION QA CERTS | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | HR-CTG | | 8 LAVA013BB004140206 | TIMECARDS | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | FIN CTG | | 8 LAVA022LL003020601 | COST ACCOUNTING MANAGER | |
| SAN FRANCISCO, OAKLAND, CA | S-T | | 9 SSLV02213002410602 | INCOMING INSPECTION QA CERTS | |
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| LOS ANGELES, CA | FIN CTG | | 9 LAVA022MM001110205 | COST ACCOUNTING MANAGER | |
| SAN FRANCISCO, OAKLAND, CA | T-Z | | 10 SSLV02319001020708 | INCOMING INSPECTION QA CERTS | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | HR-CTG | | 10 LAVA013BB004340203 | TIMECARDS | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | FIN CTG | | 10 LAVA022MM000520606 | CORP MINUTES | |
| SAN FRANCISCO, OAKLAND, CA | MISC A-Z | | 11 SSLV02319002020306 | INCOMING INSPECTION QA CERTS | |
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| LOS ANGELES, CA | FIN CTG | | 12 LAVA022MM000530802 | ASSISTANT CONTROLLER FILE | |
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| LOS ANGELES, CA | FIN CTG | | 13 LAVA022LL002910502 | CONTROLLER FILES | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | HR-CTG | | 14 LAVA013BB004340306 | TERMS DO-GT | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | FIN CTG | | 14 LAVA022LL000610501 | CONTROLLER FILES | |

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| LOS ANGELES, CA | FIN CTG | 15 LAVA022LL001620706 | CONTROLLER FILES |
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| LOS ANGELES, CA | FIN CTG | 17 LAVA022LL000610504 | CONTROLLER FILES |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | HR-CTG | 18 LAVA013BB004240804 | TERMS PACHCO-RAMIREZ |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | PO 2012 | 18 LAVA013BB004140704 | CTG POS |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | HR-CTG | 19 LAVA013BB004340501 | TERMS RATIOS-SEC |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | PO 2012 | 19 LAVA013BB004040906 | CTG POS |
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| LOS ANGELES, CA | HR-CTG | 20 LAVA013BB004340104 | TERMS S11 E-Z |
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| LOS ANGELES, CA | PO 2014 | 21 LAVA013BB004140405 | CTG POS |
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| LOS ANGELES, CA | HR-CTG | 24 LAVA013BB004340301 | PAYROLL REPORTS |
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| LOS ANGELES, CA | PO 2014 | 25 LAVA013BB004040806 | CTG POS |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | HR-CTG | 26 LAVA013BB004340404 | PAYROLL REPORTS |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | PO 2015 | 26 LAVA013BB004140604 | CTG POS |
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| LOS ANGELES, CA | PO 2016 | 33 LAVA013BB004140804 | CTG POS |
| LOS ANGELES, CA | PO OTHER | 34 LAVA013BB004140705 | CTG OTHER POS |

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| LOS ANGELES, CA | HR-CTG | 46 LAVA022MM000710801 | CTG+CO'S 2016 PAYROLL REPORTS | 2017 |
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- Branding
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- Company_Presentations
- Competition
- Conferences & Trade Shows
- Customers
- Due Diligence
- ISO 9001
- Josh Work
- Marketing-PR Firm Search
- other co graphics
- Papers
- Pre-Proposals
- Press Releases
- Promotional_Items
- SBIR_STTR
- Strategic_Plan
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- CTG 2011 Print Advertising and Marketing Proposal-Rev4A
- CTG 2011 Print Advertising Proposal-Rev5
- Energy_Harvesting_Phase-I_Proposal
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- Notes from 3-18-2011 Conv w-Danielle Murray
- Organizations to Join-Discuss
- Rear Adm Carr
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- Vice Adm Donnelly
- Viking Notes - Rockwood



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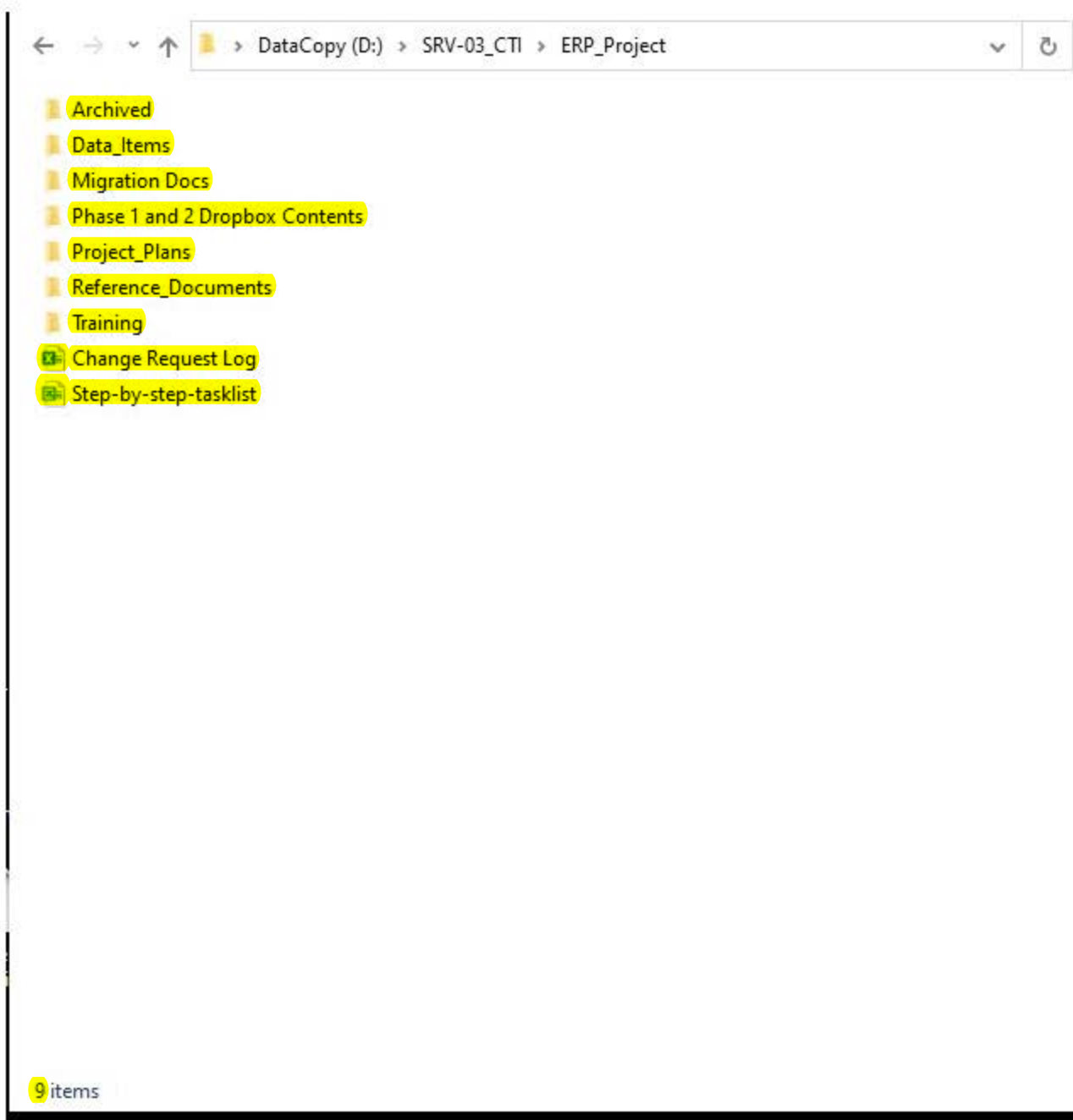
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| 2016 Month End Close Files | officeclient.microsoft.com |
| 2016 TAX FILES | Payroll |
| 2016 Year Budget | Pension |
| 2017 MONTH END FILES | PLEX DB Testing |
| Advance Material Sale - Close date 3 11 16 | Procedures |
| Analysis | Ref Material (acctg, other) |
| A-R | Santa Barbara County |
| Backlog | SOAL SOFA MOR |
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| CAPEX | |
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| 2015 CTG Security | Floor Plans | SCIF | Emergency Notification List |
| 2016 CTG Security Audit | FngPrnt Acct | Secure Rooms | Employee Clearance Notification Letter_LA |
| 2016 EOI Security | FOREIGN CONTACT | Security Awareness material | Eqmpt notice-2012-04 |
| 2016 Security - McCann | Foreign National | Security Clearance Forms | FOREIGN SALES 2014 |
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| BAY ALARM | Forms | Security phone numbers | IP Safe |
| BAY ALARM CERTIFICATES | FSO Courses | Surveys | ISFD SMO Checks |
| BC-DR | Halloween 2014 | Susp. Contacts | MSSP IS Tracking Form |
| BC-EM Plan | HANDBOOK | Tampered Trailers | NCMS Las Vegas CUI Briefing, 19 June |
| BD Intl Sales Slides Rev | ID Theft | TECH CTL PLANS | NISPOM Change 1 |
| Board Resolutions_2013 | IdenTrust | TR-343 | Notice to stakeholders 10_9_13 |
| BRIEFS | Improper Shipmt | TUNA | OPSEC Holidays |
| BW Citizens | Inquiries FP Acct | VISITS | Photo Release Summary |
| BW Equity Docs | Insider Threat | Wkly Staff Mtg. Rept | Plex Online User Security Manual[1] |
| CAC Cards MAR Inc | INVESTIGATIONS_VIOLATIONS | wxp-audit.zip | Prop_Proprietary-Bus_Confidential_Legends |
| CAC-ECA Information | JCP DD 2345 MCTDA | 08 Defs and Terms | Room 1 IT User Brief Ack |
| Cameras CTG EOI | KMP Lists | 10-20-14 Channel Structure Chart | SAFE LOG-Active_10-2013 |
| CASE GUARD Co | Logos | 5200_01v3 | SCG Class Guide List |
| Citizenship Info | M00045 MK48 | 5200_01v4 CUI | SCIF Als |
| Closed Areas | Marking guide | Avery Person8_Personnel Rept Labels Fldrs | Secure Room Upgrades |
| Co Cameras | Misc Security | CC1 SELF-INSPECTION ADDENDUM | SECURITY ASSIGNMENTS_8-2010 |
| COMSEC | MK48 IR&D | Channel Tech Inc UL | Security paragraph for brian |
| Corporate Docs | MK54 | classified marking-booklet | Security Seals |
| COURIER LETTERS | Monthly Corp Rd Up | Company Brochure - Photo Release Information | Security section - CTG 2015 handbook |
| CTG Advanced Matls | MSI | Copy of Customer Distribution CTG Wide 07.24.14 | Self linspectionchecklistfillable[1] |
| CTG fax numbers | NCMS | CTG Label_template | sf86_Dec2010 |
| CTG Picnic Pictures 8-11-2012 | New Folder | CTG Map | SF328_12_2014 |
| CTI Mens Locker room | NUWC N66604-15-Q-1658 | CTG_LEGAL TIMELINE_9-2013LA | Shredder 344 344052815MP |
| Cyber | NUWC Solicit 15-P-2062 | CUI Briefing, 19 June 15 NCMS | Signers for Classified Mail 7-15-16 |
| DD 2345 US-Canada Joint Certification | Old Historical | CUI NIST.SP.800-171 | Signers for Classified Mail 10-25-13 |
| DD254 | OPSEC | Darkhotel Report_1 | Subscription - Updates CKP |
| Destruction Eqmpt | pelton pre 2010 | DerivativeClassification | Sum of Briefings |
| Doc. Reg_Certs Xmit Destruct | Pelton Security | Designated Insider Threat Officer | SWFT-Access-Acct_4-23-2013 |
| Document Control | PROCEDURES | DISCO labels | Transducer Module 3 edited |
| DSS Audits | Progeny | DoD Direct8582.01 | UIUC pres 2 |
| DSS IS Systems_Current | PROJECTS | DOD HOTLINE | Violation Summary |
| DSS RFI Forms 10-14 | Proprietary Policy and Procedure | DOD Security DOC DATABASE 588 Added to Proof | |
| DT592 | Public Release 3-2015 | DOJ ongoing-export-case-fact-sheet | |
| Employee Lists | Receptionist | Draft CTG Supply Chain Security Program 5 | |
| EOI | Recpt Recv Trng | Draft CTG Supply Chain Security Program 8-3-15 | |
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| In re | § | CASE NO. 9:16-BK-11912-DS |
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| CHANNEL TECHNOLOGIES | § | Chapter 11 |
| GROUP, LLC, | § | |
| <i>Debtor.</i> | § | ADV NO. 9:18-AP-01058-DS |
| | § | |
| CORPORATE RECOVERY | § | |
| ASSOCIATES, LLC, as Trustee for | § | |
| the Liquidating Trust of Channel | § | |
| Technologies Group, LLC, | § | DECLARATION OF RICHARD FEFERMAN |
| | § | IN SUPPORT OF TRUSTEE'S POSITION |
| <i>Plaintiff,</i> | § | REGARDING STIPULATION OF DISPUTED |
| v. | § | ISSUES |
| | § | |
| BLUE WOLF CAPITAL PARTNERS, | § | |
| LLC, <i>et al.</i> , | § | |
| | § | |
| <i>Defendants.</i> | § | |

**DECLARATION OF RICHARD FEFERMAN IN SUPPORT OF TRUSTEE'S
POSITION REGARDING STIPULATION OF DISPUTED ISSUES**

I, Richard Feferman, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare the following:

1. My name is Richard Feferman. I am over 18 years of age, of sound mind, and capable of making this declaration. My business mailing address is 3830 Valley Centre Drive, PMB 705-152, San Diego, CA 92130.
2. The facts stated in this declaration are true and correct and within my personal knowledge:
3. I am the Senior Managing Director for Corporate Recovery Associates, LLC, Liquidating Trustee for the Liquidating Trust of Channel Technologies Group, LLC (“Trustee”).
4. I make this declaration in support of the Trustee’s position as stated in the jointly submitted STIPULATION OF DISPUTED ISSUES.
5. David Tiffany was appointed as the Chief Restructuring Officer of the Debtor by the Court in the related Chapter 11 bankruptcy action, Case No: 9:16-bk-11912-DS. *See* Docket No. 90.
6. Upon assuming its role as Trustee, the Trustee received certain hard copy documents of the Debtor from Tiffany (the “Storage Documents”). On April 23, 2018, Tiffany emailed me an Index for the Storage Documents. The Trustee obtained possession of the Storage Documents, consisting of 166 banker’s boxes, in August of 2018. Thereafter, the Trustee placed the Storage Documents into its own warehouse in San Diego, California.
7. The Storage Documents reflect CTG’s non-exhaustive physical copies of books and records that are and have been in the possession of Trustee. The Index provides a box number, a date range, and a description of the documents contained in each box. Each box has a clearly marked label that correspond with the Index.
8. Upon assuming its role as Trustee, the Trustee also received certain electronic data of CTG from Tiffany. This electronic data includes PST email files for its employees and CTG’s electronic books and records (including accounting and plex data) (the “Electronic Data”).
9. The Electronic Data is contained in three hard drives and a thumb drive.
10. The documents received by the Trustee consist almost exclusively of Electronically Stored Information (“ESI”), except for the 166 boxes of Storage Documents.
11. The ESI and Storage Documents have been kept and maintained in the regular, usual, and ordinary course of business.

- 1 12. The ESI was produced to the Blue Wolf Defendants as duplicates of the
2 Electronic Data as it was received from Tiffany. Upon information and belief,
3 the duplicates were produced without any alterations. Upon information and
4 belief, no documents were removed or added to the duplicates or Electronic
5 Data as it was produced to the Blue Wolf Defendants.
- 6 13. Upon information and belief, the ESI is organized, sortable, and searchable.
7 The PST files included with the ESI are also sortable and searchable.
- 8 14. In Exhibit B of Trustee's Second Amended Initial Disclosures, the Trustee has
9 identified which file paths and folders contain documents responsive to the
10 Blue Wolf Defendants' written discovery requests.
- 11 15. The Trustee represents that the Blue Wolf Defendants have received a copy of
12 the Electronic Documents and have had an opportunity to inspect and copy
13 the Storage Documents in connection with the state court lawsuit *Corporate
14 Recovery Associates, LLC*, as Trustee for the Liquidating Trust of Channel
15 Technologies Group, LLC, *v. Ruelas, et al.*, Case No. 18-CV-05060 in the
16 Superior Court of California and for the County of Santa Barbara (the "State
17 Court Lawsuit").

18 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

19 Executed in the County of San Diego, State of California, on the 4th day of
20 March, 2021.

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RICHARD FEFERMAN

PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is:

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (*specify*): _____

will be served or was served **(a)** on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and **(b)** in the manner stated below:

1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF): Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (*date*) _____, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:

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2. SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL:

On (*date*) _____, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL (state method for each person or entity served): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on (*date*) _____, I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date

Printed Name

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